The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NOTES.

—Miss Effie Wise is visiting friends in Altoona.

—J. G. Hicks was a visitor to Altoona yesterday.

—B. O'Connor & Sons have men's and boys' leather boots at cost.

—Try our maple syrup or rock candy drips. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—A bargain in men's, women's and children's underwear at O'Connor's.

—John M. Wakefield, of Union township, recently visited friends at Petersburg.

—A full line of men's, women's and children's underwear at Wright & Dell's.

—Joseph Middling, of Melinda Forge, is visiting at the home of his son in Mapleton.

—W. D. Melcher, wife and child, of Huntingdon, were Sunday visitors to Mapleton.

—Mrs. Geerge Laidlow, who is visiting her parents in Mill Creek, was a visitor to Mapleton yestarday.

—Remember we have the largest and finest assortment of groceries in town. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—Fresh stock of cranberries, seedless raisins, currents, prunes, apricots and peaches at O'Connor's.

—Frank Taggart, of Wilkinsburg, is the guest of his brother, A. W. Taggart and wife, on Main street.

—Miss Laura White, of Huntingdon, is spending a few days at the home of John M. White in Mapleton.

—Miss Ethel Menold, of Mill Creek, visited friends in Mapleton and Trough Creek valley during the past week.

—Wesley P. Harvey and wife, of Pittsburg, spent several days of the past week with Mr. Harvey's parents near town.

—W. J. Nupper last week moved from Union township to one of W. H. Spangler's houses in the eastern part of town.

—Miss Maggie Henderson returned home last Friday from a ten days' visit among friends at Clear Ridge, Fulton county.

—Harvey Burris and wife, of Altoona, were guests at the home of Alfred Brumbaugh on Railroad street during a portion of the past week.

—Among our callers during the past week were J. C. Shaffer, Esq., of Calvin, G. W. Taylor, of Cass township, and Wm. H. Cramer, of Brady township.

—Mrs. Charles Jones and child, of Altoona, visited friends in and about Mapleton for several days, returning to her home in the Mountain city to-day.

—A gentleman who has just returned from a trip over Bedford county informs the Bedford *Hawkeye* that thousands of bushels of apples are rotting on the ground.

—Judge George B. Orlady, of Huntingdon, was elected Senior Grand Warden of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and accepted Masons, at Philadelphia last Wednesday.

—A number of men who were dropped when the retrenchment policy went into effect on the Pennsylvania railroad a month or more ago have been taken back on account of the increase in freight traffic.

—H. G. Swope, of Trough creek valley, a former Huntingdon county teacher, who has just completed a course in a business college at Newark, has accepted a position as teacher in a simular institution at Pittsburg.

—Miss Ruth Starr, of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, who had been visiting friends in Altoona for several weeks, is spending some time with friends in Mapleton and Trough Creek valley before returning to her southern home.

—John D. Long, wife and son, of Harrisburg, and J. Warner Weston, of Altoona, visited at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Long a couple days last week. While here the "boys" butchered three fine porkers for Grandmother Long.

—We have another car load of feed and oats. Corn and oats chop, $1.25; pure corn chop, $1.45; Quaker dairy feed, $1.25; corn, oats and barley, $1.40. Remember we give you full 100 lbs. to the sack, and not afraid to quote prices. B. O'Connor & Sons.

—M. L. Niece and daughters, Misses Pearl and Viola, left yesterday morning for Cumberland, Md., where they will remain a few days with Mr. Niece's sister, Mrs. A. L. Morgan, and family, and also with Miss Bessie Niece. They will visit friends in Pittsburg before returning home.

—A dispatch from Lewistown, under date of December 1, says: The third incendiary fire within ten days occured at an early hour this morning, destroying the car shed and five cars at the power house of the Lewistown and Reedsville Electric company and entailing a loss of $10, 000.

—By an act of Congress, a widow who has been a pensioner under the general law and forfeited her claim by a second marriage, can upon becoming a widow a second time, either by death or divorce, be restored to the pension roll. She will then continue to draw a pension as the widow of her first husband.

—A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver tablets. They are mild and gentel in their action. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville.

—Irvin Mounts, son of W. H. Mounts, has been suffering for several days past with liver complaint. Since the family moved to Mount Union about three weeks ago Mr. Mounts also has been confined to the house part of the time on account of sickness. Their friends here hope they may soon enjoy their usual good health.

—After the most aggravating delay ever known western Kansas wheat is at last moving. Since harvest every road in that region has been congested with wheat. At every western Kansas station elevators were full to the roofs and heaps of grain, 20,000 to 60,000 bushels in a pile, were lying under the open sky, dumped on the buffalo grass sod.

—When the State Highway Department at Harrisburg opened the first bids for the new good roads, under the Sproul law, in Montgomery, Snyder and Huntingdon counties, all were so far above the estimate that they were not made public. The Commissioner will consider them further before any action is taken or contracts awarded.—*Monitor.*

—It is said a new graft is being worked among the farmers in different parts of the state. This time it is "non-freezing stock tanks" that are offered for sale. When the farmer buys one he is given the exclusive agency of several townships without extra pay. This simple request is made, however, that he sign three papers, all of which turn up a few days later as promissory notes.

—Rural mail carriers evidently have a good many friends in Congress, as several bills were introduced last week for their benefit. Mr. Sibley has a bill raising the salary to $700, and Mr. Bates, of the Erie-Crawford district, has introduced two bills. One is to give them an annual leave of fifteen days with pay, and the other is to give them an allowance of $200 a year for subsistence.

—Frank C. Keith and Miss Ada B. Barnett, both of Altoona, were united in marriage at Altoona at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, November 26, 1903, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. K. Lloyd, of the Chestnut Avenue M. E. church. The groom is an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad freight shops and the bride is the daughter of David Barnett, of Trough Creek valley, and is an estimable lady.

—To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Seitz, of Detroit, Mich., says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." There are people in this community who need just such a medicine. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville. Every box warranted.

—The practice of employes of the Pennsylvania railroad of assigning their wages has become so great that steps are being taken by the company to have it discontinued. Superintendant C. A. Preston, of the middle division, has issued a notice asking that employes refrain from the practice. Similar notices have been posted on other divisions. The notice reads: "The assignment by employes of their wages, either as security for loans or otherwise, not only produces complications in the accounting department, and seriously interferes with the administration in the several departments, but frequently subjects the company to annoying litigation and expense, and likewise, in many cases, subjects the employes to usurious demands and exactions. In view of these conditions the practice should be discontinued."

—L. W. Zerby, the jeweler, Huntingdon, has secured on a five years' lease, the store in the Africa building, on Penn street, at the northeast corner of the "Diamond," and will occupy it as soon after the holiday season as the complete remodeling of the rooms will permit. The new quarters will be much more commodious and suitable for Mr. Zerby's business than his present location and his friends are much pleased with the evidences of prosperity that permits the expansion.

—Philipsburg *Journal.* A. Williamson, a well known lumberman of Bellwood, has purchased from heirs of John Rohn estate over 1,000 acres of excellent timber land, lying along the West Branch railroad in the vicinity of Karthaus. The tract contains over three million feet of lumber. The consideration was $7,000. John Rohn is the man who mysteriously disappeared about four years ago, and no trace of him was ever found, it being the general supposition that he was murdered and his body hidden.

—Samuel Hoffmaster, aged 28 years, of Barree, and a track walker employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was instantly killed shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday morning a short distance east of the Spruce Creek tunnel. He was walking along the track towards home when seashore express, running at a good rate of speed emerged from the tunnel and ran him down. He was thrown to one side of the track and was dead when picked up. The body was taken to Huntingdon to be prepared for burial.

—A local preacher, at the conclusion of one of his sermons, said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to his feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now, every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted a careworn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only one not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who just stood up are my subscribers, and— "Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

—Fire broke out in the dwelling on Railroad street, owned by W. F. Gillam and occupied by John R. Wakefield, Monday shortly before noon and before the flames could be subdued the building was considerably damaged on the inside and the roof partly burned off. The alarm was quickly respondend to and but for the heroic efforts of the bucket brigade the house would have been destroyed and possibly several others which stand near it. The household effects were mostly taken out while the fire was in progress but after the flames were extinguished they were put back into the house not much damaged, which is an exception to the rule. The loss to Mr. Gillam will be about $125.

—Charles Chilcote lies at the home of his parents on Callowhill street in a precarious condition, the result of being stabbed with a knife last Saturday night. An unusual number of drunks were in evidence Saturday night and, it is alleged, Chilcote met and without any provocation struck a young man named Parks who with several companions was returning from Wright & Dell's store, where he had been making some purchases, to their shanty at the sand works across the river. Apparently not satisfied with what he had already done, when Parks recovered from the blow and proceeded on his way, Chilcote followed and struck at him again. Parks, who is about seventeen years old, at this instance drew his knife and cut Chilcote in three places, on the arm, on the hand and in the back. The cut in the back is a serious one, and just what the outcome will be is uncertain.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Mass., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by B. O'Connor & Sons. Price 50c, and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

Mapleton Borough School Reports.

Following is the report of No. 1 school for the month ending December 4, 1903: No. of pupils enrolled, males 17, females 13, total 30; average attendance, males 13, females 10, total 23; per. cent of attendane males 73, females 78, total 75. Russel Montgomery missed no time. Zury Truax and Emory Cowher each missed half a day. Visitors, 2. Frances Isenberg, teacher.

Following is the report of No. 2 school for the third month ending December 4, 1903: No. pupils enrolled, males 26, females 17, total 43; average attendance, males 20, females 12, total 32; per. cent of attendance, males 76, females 70, total 73. The following pupils attended every day: Sewell Gillam, Robert Truax, Earnest McCarl, James McCarl, Emory Brumbaugh, Rob Rex, Leah Hommond and Blanche Palmer. Those who visited the school were Harry O'Connor, Joe McCarl, Roy Forner, Brinton Dell, Harry Henderson, Cecil Bell, Jessie Montgomery, Fred Hack, Martin Banks, Miss Myrtle Wright and her school, Mr. Guy Rex and Mr. Morris Wood. Florence Oswalt, teacher.

Following is the report of No. 3 school for third month ending December 4, 1903: No. of pupils enrolled, males 19, females 12, total 31; average attendance, males 15, females 7, total 22; per cent. of attendance, males 83, females 81, total 82. The following pupils missed no time during the month: Walter Grove, Earnest Miller and Ruth O'Connor. Cecil O'Connor missed one-half day. Visitors, 9. Myrtle F. Wright, teacher.

Following is the report of No. 4 school for third month ending December 4, 1903: No. of pupils enrolled, males 13, females 12, total 25; average attendance, males 12, females 11, total 23; per cent. of attendance, males 88, females 82, total 85.

The following pupils attended every day: Clinton Dell, Chas. Shore, Edward Spangler, David Norris, Jettie Moore, Esther Brown and Edna Dell. Those who visited the school were Messrs. James McHugh, John McHugh, Edward Bailey Chas. McMullen, Morris Wood and Mrs. Ellis Baker. Emma Hamilton, teacher.

A Timely Suggestion.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a serve cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to the children for it contains no harmfnl substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by J.G. Gillam; James O Heaton, Cassville.

Prompt Payers.

The following subscriptions have been received at this office:

Mrs. Emaline Dell	May 27, '04
W. H. Smith	May 11, '04
M. J. Deeter	Feb. 26, '04
E. S. Chilcott	Sept. 1, '04
Dr. B. F. Chilcott	Sept. 20, '04
Mrs. Sarah Gorsuch	Sept. 4, '04
Levi Campbell	Feb. 25, '04
Mrs. Florence Mansbarger	Dec. 28, '04
John Park	Jan. 27, '04
G. W. Taylor	April 16, '04
L. G. Stevens	Aug. 14, '04
Wm. H. Cramer	Jan. 1, '04
Mrs. Kate Shaffer	Nov. 16, '04
W. P. Harvey	July 15, '04

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome cause. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorongh effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by B. O'Connor & Sons.

Done While You Wait.

L. W. Zerby, the jeweler, Huntingdon, has a most expert and artistic engraver right in his store, a rapid workman who completes his task almost "while you wait." All watches, silverware, rings and jewelry purchased here engraved free.

Program for Local Institute.

Following is the programme of a local institute to be conducted at Latta Grove January 1 and 2, 1904:

Friday evening.—Singing, "Greeting Song"; recitations by the pupils; quartette, Calvin-Cassville quartette; address, Supt. J. G. Dell; dialogue, Latta Grove school; good-night song.

Forenoon session, 9.30 to 11.30.—"Reading as a First Step in Literature," Millie Bowman, Prof. I. W. J. McCain; "Schoolroom Patriotism," D. H. Dell, and to be discussed by others; "Correct English," C. H. Drake and I. N. Swope.

Afternoon session, 1.30 to 4.00.—"Relation of the School to the Home," D. F. Lane, H. A. Monihen and James C. Dell; "Supplementary Blackboard Work," Lewis Stever and Prof. M. B. Wright; "Relation of Parent to School," J. G. Hicks and D. H. Walker; "The Use of Illustrations in Teaching," John O. Smith.

The above programme will be interspersed with singing and recitations by the pupils of the district. The county superintendent will be present for the day session. All patrons are invited to attend.

How to Prevent Croup

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarsenes. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy has been used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O. Heaton, Cassville.

E. M. C. Africa Chosen Bank Director.

At the last meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank, Mr. E. M. C. Africa, president of the J. C. Blair Co., was chosen a director of the bank. Mr. Africa is one of the solid young business men of Huntingdon, whose rise from an humble position in life to the head of one of the largest and most successful stationery factories in the land, stamps him as a man of unusual ability. His level-headed business sagacity, enterprise, industry, high character and other good qualities commend him to the whole business world, and his election to the bank directorate is a decided acquisition to a board that has always contained strong and able men.—*Globe.*

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c, at B. O'Connor & Sons' store.

Tick, Tick, Tick.

If you want a railroad watch, a lady's watch or any kind of a watch that will keep accurate time, at a low price, go to Zerby's jewelry story, Huntingdon,

Better Than a plaster.

A peice of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain balm has no superior as a liniment for the relief of deep muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by J. G. Gillam; James O Heaton, Cassville.

Carve Him to De Bone,

If you want that Christmas turkey carved with neatness and dispatch, buy a carving set at Zerby's jewelry store, Huntingdon.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at B. O'Connor & Sons' store.

Shine 'Em Up.

If you want to make your silverware shine on Christmas Day or any other day use Silver Yeast Polish. To be had only at Zerby's jewelry store.

ANNUAL COTTON REPORT

Low Crop Estimate Issued by the Government.

EXCITEMENT ON THE EXCHANGE

Department of Agriculture Estimates a Growth of 9,963,039 Bales—Sales Exceed 3,500,000 Bales on Government Report—Advance of 80 to 85 Points From Lowest Quotation.

New York City.—The Agricultural Bureau's estimate on the cotton crop of the present season, which has been anxiously awaited by the trade, has turned out a most sensational affair. The estimate was for 9,962,039 bales, which is below the lowest forecast put forth even by extreme believers in a short crop. Private estimates have generally ranged from 10,000,000 to 11,000,000 bales, with a few English estimates at still higher figures. The average made up from estimates by the Cotton Exchange membership was 10,353,000. Some days ago, however, D. J. Sully & Co., the leaders of the spring corner in cotton and of the present "bull pool," gave out broadcast an estimate of 9,986,000 bales. This was within 24,000 bales of the Government's estimate.

The Government's estimate is looked upon in the trade as a calamity, as in order to overcome last year's cotton famine, which left spinners the world over bare of stocks, a crop of fully 11,000,000 bales was needed this year to prevent any disturbance from normal consumption and give spinners a moderate amount of surplus stocks to carry over into the next year. The estimated requirements of the world's spinners was estimated by Ellison, the English authority on consumption, a month ago, at 10,800,000 bales, and was cut down to 10,500,000 bales only two weeks ago, as one of the results of eleven-cent cotton; and it is probable that this will have to be still further reduced. Last year the Government estimated the actual growth of cotton at 12,417,000 bales, and the commercial crop at 10,667,000 bales, whereas the total commercial crop turned out 10,728,000 bales.

The immediate effect of the report was to cause a panic among the shorts, and the wildest buying movement followed that has ever been witnessed on the Cotton Exchange. Although the trade here, and at Liverpool, as well as throughout the South, had been expecting a low crop estimate, nothing quite as bad as the above figures indicate had been anticipated. Prices which had been fluctuating erratically up and down a scale of ten to twenty points from recent closing quotations immediately jumped twenty points on the first trades, which were made after the figures were known, and this was followed by a further advance of thirty to forty points before the end of the next hour's business.

BANKS FULL OF MONEY.

Compiroller's Report Shows $25,000,000 Increase Over 1902.

Washington, D. C.—The annual report of William B. Ridgley, Controller of the Currency, shows that the Middle Western States lead both in number and capital of banks organized—547 and $31,666,000 respectively. The Southern States follow second—421 and capital of $22,208,000.

From the date of the first failure in 1865 to October 31, 1903, receivers have been appointed for 418 national banks, their capital aggregating $71,167,420. Creditors received on an average 78.55 per cent. on their claims.

An analysis of returns from State, savings, private banks and trust companies shows an increase in aggregate resources in 1903 over 1902 of about $661,000,000 and over 1898 of nearly $3,385,000,000. There is $25,000,000 more money in the banks than was reported in 1902.

There are in the country about 18,000 banks and banking institutions, including private bankers.

The number of national banks has increased to 4939, with capital of $743,506,048 and deposits of $3,348,095,992.

The national bank circulation reached $421,222,489 on September 5, 1903, the largest on record. It is 55.43 per cent. of the maximum possible circulation, which is higher than this percentage has been since 1886.

THE BIBLE ALL RIGHT IN KENTUCKY.

Judge Says It Can Be Read in the Schools There.

Brooksville, Ky. — Judge James P. Harbeson, of the Circuit Court, has rendered a decision in the case where the Rev. Thomas Hackett, a Catholic priest, brought an injunction suit against the school trustees of this place, asking that they and the teachers in the public schools be restrained from reading the Bible and offering prayer in the schools, on the ground that it was a violation of the constitution. Judge Harbeson dismissed the petition at the cost of the plaintiff. He says in unqualified terms that the Bible is the foundation of all Christian government, and he does not see how it is sectarian to read it in schools. An appeal was asked for and granted.

Fleet Returns to Its Station.

The Asiatic fleet, of the United States Navy, ordered to Hololulu to be ready if trouble arose with Europe over Panama, was ordered to return to its station.

J. L. Blair Indicted.

J. L. Blair, formerly general counsel to the St. Louis Fair, was indicted for forgery.

ROOT PRAISES THE ARMY

Secretary of War Makes His Annual Report.

Strong Recommendation of Coast Defenses and the Reorganization of the National Guard.

Washington, D. C.—In describing the progress of the army, Secretary Root, in his annual report, lays stress on the reorganization of the militia or National Guard of the States on a basis intended to fit the men and officers for prompt service in conjunction with the regular army in case of war, insurrection or disorder.

"A thorough canvass of the National Guard was made," he says, "from which it appears that of the 1943 separate bodies in the organized militia the men of 1586 had a thorough understanding of their obligations under the statute, 250 organizations had no such idea, and 57 had a partial idea. Of the 116,542 officers and men now in the service of the organized militia, 100,345 declared themselves ready to respond to a sudden call of the President."

A board to improve rifle practice has begun its work, and the Secretary contrasts the greater need of training the young men of the present day with that of earlier times, when game was abundant throughout the country and nearly everybody learned to shoot. The Secretary recommends an appropriation for the promotion of rifle practice by the formation of rifle clubs and contests to which citizens generally shall be admitted, to be expended upon the recommendation of the board with the approval of the Secretary of War. Officers of the regular army henceforth will spend much time in drilling and preparing the militia of the States in camps of instruction for service with the regular army.

Secretary Root refers to the reorganization of the system of military control under the General Staff as the important military event of the year.

The army as given in the latest reports consists of 3586 officers and 66,003 enlisted men, a total of 69,589. In addition, there were in the service 3598 men of the Hospital Corps excluded by the act of March 1, 1887, from classification as part of the enlisted force of the army. There were also in the service 182 volunteer medical officers, 100 officers and 4978 enlisted men of the Philippine scouts, and 29 officers and 840 enlisted men of the Porto Rico regiment.

Since the Spanish War the estimates for the army have progressively decreased. The estimate for 1901 was, in round numbers, $128,000,000; for 1902, $113,000,000; for 1903, $99,000,000; for 1904, $77,900,000; for 1905, $77,700,000. Upon the estimate for $128,000,000 for 1901, the appropriations were $114,000,000, and the expenditures $105,000,000; upon the estimate for $113,000,000 for 1902, the appropriations were $116,000,000 and the expenditures $79,000,000; upon the estimate for $99,000,000 for 1903, the appropriations were $92,000,000 and the expenditures $70,000,000.

BLIND ON SUPREME BENCH.

Justice Brown May Lose Eyesight Within a Week.

Washington, D. C.—Total blindness is the calamity which is about to fall upon Henry Billings Brown, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, according to the expert oculists who have been treating him. Some time since he lost the use of one eye and recently, as he was reading, he realized that the vision of the other was failing. He is now told that within a week it may be gone entirely. Apart from his eyes Justice Brown is in full mental and physical vigor. It is believed that he will continue on the bench, for he can listen to the arguments, briefs and other documents and the drafts of the opinions of his associates can be read to him and he can dictate his own opinions.

He will not be eligible for retirement with salary until three years from next March. He has, however, an ample fortune.

GATHERING HOLLY FOR CHRISTMAS

Hundreds Find Profitable Work on the Peninsula.

Dover, Del.—Hundreds of men are engaged in lower Delaware, Maryland and Virginia in the gathering of holly and mistletoe, and the business has turned the attention of Christmas dealers throughout the country to this peninsula. In the neighborhood of Ellendale all townspeople and their country neighbors are gathering the green with the red berry.

The women are kept busy making wreaths and become so proficient that any one of them can turn out 100 a day.

EXPRESS ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Two Employes Arrested Charged With Stealing $3500 Worth of Gems.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The most ingenious and protracted series of express robberies disclosed in years has come to light through the arrest of Howard R. Biddings and Leo Joseph Blough, employes of the United States Express Company.

The crime admittedly perpetrated by one or both of this pair was committed on the Baltimore and Ohio, between Pittsburg and Cumberland, and consisted of stealing $3500 worth of diamonds and jewelry, the property of Mrs. John C. Shaw, whose husband is a New York attorney.

Iowa Bank President Kills Himself.

George D. Wood, President of the Bank of Colfax, at Des Moines, and director of Ira, Mingo and Baxter, Iowa, banks, committed suicide at his home in Colfax by shooting.

MICHIGAN BOODLE SCANDAL

Testimony in the Grand Rapids Water Deal.

EXAMINATION OF SEN. BURNS

Former City Attorney L. K. Salsbury Makes Startling Accusations—Six Separate Water Conspiracy Deals Calling For Bribe Money — Prominent New York Men Named.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—The confession of former City Attorney L. K. Salsbury in regard to the notorious water scandal in that city, which was told in court at the preliminary examination of State Senator David Burns, has created a tremendous sensation on account of the number of prominent persons it implicates, in addition to the seventeen officials and former officials who were arrested on bribery charges some days ago.

The persons implicated by Salsbury and the amounts he alleged they received are as follows:

George R. Perry, ex-Mayor, $13,725; J. Clarke Sproat, manager Grand Rapids Democrat, $3333; R. A. Cameron, New York, $500; State Senator David E. Burns, $200; Aldermen McCool, Ellen, De Pagter, Muir, Kinney, Donovan, Phillips, Johnson, Stonehouse, Lozier, Shriver, Mol, Ghysels, Hodges, Slocum, from $350 to $500 each; Corry P. Bissell, $500; J. Russell Thomson, reporter on Evening Press, $500; Isaac Lamoreaux, ex-City Clerk, $1500; State Representative Van Zoeren, $350; State Representative Vandercook, $60; E. D. Conger, manager Grand Rapids Herald, $10,000; Thomas F. McGarry, a prominent attorney now in Florida, $7500; C. S. Burch, manager of the Evening Press, $5000.

Salsbury also implicated in water deals Dudley E. Waters, former President of the Board of Public Works; Dr. Uilke de Vries, former City Physician; George Ellis, a local broker; Samuel M. Lemon, Collector of Internal Revenue, and William H. Anderson, President of the Fourth National Bank.

Six separate water conspiracy deals were on in Grand Rapids at one time, according to Salsbury, each gigantic in its size and all calling for the use of a boodle fund. In addition to the Henry Taylor $100,000 Lake Michigan deal he testified that there were five other strings out, from each one of which thousands of dollars were hanging. Every one of these six sets of men, who put up or offered to advance a corruption fund, were, so Salsbury says, of himself, Perry, McGarry and Sproat.

Pat Flynn, of New York, he names as one of those at the head of one scheme. The men interested in the Hydraulic Water Company are named as the backers of another deal, in Chicago. Then there was a Milwaukee deal, in which, he said, Contractor Loss, of Chicago, was interested; the Omaha deal, in which the Barton millionaires are said to have put up $50,000, and the Gillespie deal.

On top of these Salsbury implicates Revenue Collector Samuel M. Lemon with a deal, charging Lemon with coming to him with a proposition to buy the Council after having bought the Mayor for $10,000.

The recent acquittal of ex-Senator George Nichols on the charge of bribery was brought up, and in reply to the Prosecutor's questions Salsbury declared that Nichols really was guilty. He said the money was turned over to William Leonard, exactly as the prosecution claimed, and that Leonard gave it to Frederick H. Garman, the people's star witness.

State Representative Henry B. Vandercook, implicated by Salsbury, has issued a statement, in which he asks suspension of judgment, declaring that he emphatically refused to introduce a water bill in the Legislature and that he never accepted a favor in connection with the water deal.

Salsbury testified that he intended to bleed all the outside parties, and then go before the Common Council, expose them, and keep the money.

LORDS BAR WOMEN AS LAWYERS.

British Peers Decide They Cannot Be Admitted to Inns of Court.

London, England.—The House of Lords finally has decided that women are debarred by their sex from becoming qualified lawyers in this country. The question arose on the appeal of a Londoner, Miss Bertha Cave, against the decision of the Benchers of Gray's Inn not to admit her as a student for the purpose of being called to the bar.

The Court decided there was no precedent for a woman's admission to the Inns of Court and no reason to create a precedent. The benchers assert the statutes of Gray's Inn ignore women so absolutely as to leave them no power to admit a woman.

REPORT OF YEAR'S COTTON CROP

Census Bureau Says Total Gained Was 7,070,437 Bales.

Washington, D. C.—The Census Bureau has issued a report on the quantity of cotton ginned from the growth of 1903 up to and including November 14, showing total commercial bales to be 7,070,437. Of these 6,519,332 were square bales, 510,550 round bales and 40,555 sea island crop bales.

The cotton ginned in 1902, as reported by the Census Bureau, was 5,925,872 commercial bales up to October 18, and 9,311,835 commercial bales up to December 13. Counting round bales as half bales, the number this year is 6,315,162

PANAMA TREATY RATIFIED

Government Decree Adopted to Complete the Act.

Members of the Provisional Government Sign With a Gold Pen Especially Bought For the Purpose.

Panama.—The Canal Treaty with the United States has been ratified by the Panama Republic without amendment.

When every preparation had been completed for the actual signing of the treaty a Government decree, No. 24, was adopted, setting forth that:

"Whereas, a guarantee of the independence of the Isthmus has been obtained, and

"Whereas, celerity is indispensable to secure an efficacious and immediate fulfillment of this obligation on the part of the United States, the Junta of the Provisional Government, formed by the unanimous will of the people of the Isthmus and possessing full sovereign powers over the Isthmus territory,

"Resolves and decrees that the treaty be approved in all its parts."

Minister of Foreign Affairs Esprilla arrived here from Colon with the treaty. Rear-Admiral J. G. Walker arrived on the same train. Senors Arango and Arias, with some of the Ministers of the new republic, met the party at the railway station.

Senor Esprilla drove immediately to the Government Palace. The members of the Junta and of the Ministry assembled in the grand salon of the palace. The chest and two small tin boxes, addressed to the members of the Junta and bearing the seal of Minister Bunau-Varilla, were placed on a table in the centre of the room.

Surrounded by the spectators, who were seated about the table, Senor Esprilla opened the chest and withdrew the cotton wrappers, finally bringing to light the treaty, enveloped in the Panamanian flag. The document was addressed to the members of the Junta by Minister Bunau-Varilla.

Senor Arias then broke the seal and formally handed the paper to the members of the Junta. There was only one copy, in the English language.

The Ministers and members of the Junta all signed the document with a special gold pen purchased for the occasion.

Washington, D. C.—Two telegrams, one from the Junta and the other from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Panama, announcing the ratification of the Hay-Varilla treaty, were received by Minister Bunau-Varilla.

AURORA HODGE DEAD

Girl Charged With Murder Succumbs to Effects of an Operation.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Aurora Hodge, the handsome young woman awaiting trial for the murder of William X. Regan, is dead from the effects of an operation.

A few months ago she startled the police authorities of Grand Rapids, Mich., by appearing at police headquarters in that city and announcing that she wished to be arrested for the murder of a man in Salt Lake. She said she shot a man named Ryan in a fight when he attacked her in a lonely gulch. Ryan was murdered, but it was believed that he was slain by a man and that Aurora gave herself up to save the guilty.

At her preliminary hearing she pleaded not guilty, however, and was taken ill while awaiting trial. The operation was to save her life, but it failed.

BLACKMAILER SHOT

Three Hundred Armed Citizens Do Battle With Four Robbers.

Akron, Ohio.—Armed to the teeth, 300 citizens of Hudson lay in wait for blackmailers. A few days ago Mrs. Jacob Neibel, a wealthy widow, received word that unless $1000 was left at a certain spot her son would be kidnaped.

The letter was turned over to the town marshal and a posse organized. Early one morning they caught sight of the blackmailers, four in number, driving toward the spot where the money was to be left. They challenged, and then the blackmailers turned their horses and opened fire. The posse pursued, firing, and wounded one man.

MAFIA RAID

Fifteen Armed Italians Arrested in Philadelphia For Blackmail.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A tenement house on Carpenter street in the Italian quarter was raided by the police, who captured fifteen supposed members of the Mafia. The raid was the result of complaints made by Italian merchants and bankers, who said they had received blackmailing letters and been threatened with death should they refuse to comply with demands for money.

Each of the fifteen men arrested was armed with two revolvers and a stiletto. In the room were a number of pistols and a store of ammunition.

NAPHTHA CAR BLOWS UP

Two Dead and Many Injured as Result of Delaware Freight Wreck.

Harrington, Del.—By the explosion of a tank car of naphtha two people were killed, a score injured and Greenwood, Del., was practically wiped off the map. The dead are Edward J. Roach, of Georgetown, and an infant, who died from the shock.

The accident happened shortly after noon, at the junction of the Pennsylvania and the Queen Anne's railroads. The entire population for miles about was thrown into a panic.

ELIJAH DOWIE A BANKRUPT

Federal Court Names Receivers to Seize Zion City.

WRECK OF HIS GREAT FORTUNE

Officers Invade Precincts of Religious Town While Its Founder Denies His Inability to Meet Debts in Time — Industries Are Not Profitable and Business Affairs Are in Bad Shape.

Chicago, Ill. — Financial difficulties which began at the time of the crusade of John Alexander Dowie—"Elijah III."—and his Restoration Host to New York a month ago, and which have been rapidly increasing since his return, culminated in the Federal Court taking possession of all the property controlled by Dowie in Zion City, Ill. This town, which was founded two years ago by Dowie, has a population of more than 10,000, is the general headquarters for Dowie's church, and is said to represent an expenditure of $20,000,000.

Frederick M. Blount, cashier of the Chicago National Bank, and Albert D. Currier, a law partner of Representative Boutell, were apointed receivers of the property. Their bonds were fixed at $100.000 by Judge Kohlsaat, of the United States District Court, who made the appointment on the petition of several creditors.

The receivers, with their attorneys and Custodian Redieske, with six deputy marshals, went to Zion City to serve on Dowie the notice of the receivership. Redieske and his deputies went to the bank, while the others called on Dowie at his house. As the officers were about to demand admission to the bank, a man ran from a rear door. One of the deputies overtook him, and a second man came running from the bank, shouting:

"Let me have those papers; I will get away with them."

Redieske threatened to arrest them unless they returned at once to the bank, which they did. He then placed the bank and the three men in it under a guard.

While this was taking place at the bank the receivers and their attorneys called on Dowie and read to him the petition and order of court which placed Zion in the hands of a receiver. After hearing the petition Dowie locked himself up with several of his leading subordinates. He refused to allow himself to be seen, or to make any statement, merely sending out word that he had nothing to say.

The bankruptcy proceedings were based on the allegation that Dowie is insolvent, and that while in this condition he committed an act of bankruptcy by making a preferential payment on November 2 to the E. Streeter Lumber Company for $3770. Dowie has been hard pressed by his creditors, especially since it was announced that his recent mission to New York had proved unsuccessful financially.

Dowie's first confession of weakness was made last Wednesday at a rally in the Tabernacle at Zion City. He wept as he told of the financial straits in which the Zion industries found themselves. Instead of frightening many into depositing, this appeal sent a long line of people to the bank to draw out their money.

In the efforts to remedy the condition of affairs at Zion City hundreds of letters were sent out daily to Dowie's followers in other parts of the country. In these letters, in which glowing prospects of Zion City's future were painted, and in which Dowie was quoted as praying that all those who believed in him would "follow the Lord," all Dowieites were urged, almost commanded, to sell their farms, stores and everything else and come at once to Zion City and take up the work of the church. All those having money in banks near where they lived were asked to draw that money out and send it for deposit at Zion City.

Dowie is known to have accumulated a large sum as the head of the Christian Catholic Church, the assets of the organization being estimated at between $20,000,000 and $30,000,000. There was a large outlay of money, however, when Zion City was started. Then lace and candy industries were started, and, as neither of these ventures has ever paid, a great deal more money was tied up. Dowie's differences with his brother-in-law, Stevenson, over the management of the lace factory cost more than $100.000, and other suits recently begun in Lake County by creditors are said to aggregate a large sum.

RANCH FENCE CASES HEARD.

Millions of Acres in Nebraska Said to Be Illegally Inclosed.

Omaha, Neb.—The alleged illegal fencing of several millions of acres of Government land by extensive cattle owners and ranchmen of Western Nebraska is occupying the attention of the Federal Grand Jury.

Several prominent men, among them State and United States officials, are said to be among those whose cases are under investigation. Although not officially given out, it is stated that one extensive cattle owner and a leader in the movement to keep the fences standing, has already been indicted.

Among the cases now being considered are those against Bartlett Richards, of Ellsworth, and R. M. Allen, the latter concerned in a large cattle company. It is estimated that the lands said to be illegally fenced in Western Nebraska approximate 7,000,000 acres, occupied by between 700 and 800 ranchmen.

EVERY WALK IN LIFE.

A. A. Boyce, a farmer, living three and a half miles from Trenton, Mo., says: "A severe cold settled in my kidneys and developed so quickly that I was obliged to lay off work on account of the aching in my back and sides. For a time I was unable to walk at all, and every makeshift I tried and all the medicine I took had not the slightest effect. My back continued to grow weaker until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, and I must say I was more than surprised and gratified to notice the back ache disappearing gradually until it finally stopped."

Doan's Kidney Pills sold by all dealers or mailed on receipt of price, 50 cents per box. Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, N. Y.

Battery Not Brutal.

A well-known Akron, (O.), horseman brought out an electric battery for use on horses some years ago, the first trial of the same on the Cleveland tracks taking place at Rockport, where it was used on a mare called Annabelle, a pacer which would rush out in front and lead to the three-quarters pole, where she would fade away and usually finish behind the flag. It was used on this mare with splendid effect, the battery being carried in the driver's coatpocket, the wires being fastened under the reins and being attached to the crupper, so that when the "juice" was applied the shock would take full effect on the animal's spinal column. In this particular race the mare was out in front, as usual, but about the time the crowd expected to see her fall back into the ruck they were astonished to see the mare flatten her ears on her neck and come on to the wire like a scared jack-rabbit. A protest was made as to the use of the battery and the matter was referred to the local humane authorities, the latter ruling that the battery, applied in moderation, was more humane than the use of the whip.

Apropos of Advice.

If it is evident that by following a rule laid down by any writer in any magazine or paper you are injuring yourself don't follow that rule, and if satisfied beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is for your well being to do this or that thing do it and turn a deaf ear to all well meant advice to the contrary. Strike out a level path between the don'ts and the do's, pave it with common sense, have the courage of your own opinions and allow yourself to consider but one don't, to accept but one do.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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The Gift of Making Friends.

Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all is the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and lovable in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

The statistics for insurance against sickness in Hungary show that the number of insured increased from 635,350 to 636,343 in 1901.

The Domestic Hen a Wonder.

Scratching a living here and there, killing thousands of bugs and worms which would cause much loss of crops if allowed to live, the ordinary barnyard hen is a wonderful combination of productive forces. In five years' time she will lay 700 eggs, each containing 650 grains of water, 125 of fat, 108 of lime, 80 of albumen, 26 of sugar and 10 of ash—the most condensed and strengthening form of food offered to man. Every person having a little plot of ground is able to keep from half a dozen to many dozen of these wonders and so add to the family income. To do this to the greatest advantage, one must know how to care for his fowls—to guard against, detect and cure disease; which fowls to save for breeding purposes, etc. The simplest and most satisfactory way of securing this knowledge is to buy it from some person who has made a success of fowl raising as a business. Such a book, giving the experience of twenty-five years, is obtainable for 25 cents in stamps from the Book Publishing House, 134 Leonard St., New York City. It is an invaluable work. The life of one chicken saved would pay for the book several times over.

COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT

New England Towns Flooded With Spurious Notes.

HAD PAPER TO PRINT $1,000,000

Three Men Taken by Secret Service Agents in a Town Near Boston—John Davis, One of the Prisoners, Known Here and Abroad For His Work—The Biggest Raid in Years.

Boston, Mass.—What is considered by the United States Government Secret Service officials to be one of the most important raids that has ever taken place in the vicinity of Boston was successfully carried out in the little town of Revere. Three men, all said to be well-known counterfeiters, were arrested and an extensive plant, with an enormous supply of paper for printing notes was confiscated.

The Government officers said that there was paper enough in the house to print more than a million dollars' worth of notes, while the plates and hand presses were of the finest workmanship.

The men arrested were John Davis, Joseph Boumblitt and Moses Novak. Davis is also known as Philip Schwart, Henry Smith, Henry Lieberman and J. Weissman, while Novak has one alias, that of H. Frankel.

Davis is thirty-three years old, and is believed to be the head of the gang, and, according to the Secret Service officers, he is well known not only in this country but in Europe.

It is believed, however, that New York persons were behind the plot which was exposed in Revere. The counterfeiting is said to have been carried on either in that city or in Newark. Novak, or Frankel, as he was known in Revere, came from New York about two months ago, accompanied by a woman said to be his wife. He hired a house at 131 Prospect avenue in the town.

Soon after he took possession the authorities at Washington began to receive numerous complaints that counterfeit money was being freely circulated in New England. From the larger New England cities and from New York came the report that numerous $20 Garfield head gold certificates, $10 buffalo head silver certificates and $5 Indian head certificates were being circulated, all of which were bad.

The smaller towns and cities were also flooded with counterfeit notes of the Cape Cod National Bank, of Harwich, Mass., the Fourth National Bank of Boston, and the National banks of Waltham, Lynn and New Bedford.

FARMERS JOINING UNIONS.

Movement in Texas Spreading Rapidly—40,000 Members Already.

Dallas, Texas.—The farmers of Texas are being unionized at a rapid rate. There are more than 3000 unions in Texas, with a total membership of 40,000, and the organization is spreading like wildfire. It began at Emory, Hains County, under the name of the "Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America," and is now established in nearly every populous county in the State.

About the middle of February next a meeting is to be held for completing a State organization, and it is believed that the movement will spread to other States, as the Farmers' Alliance did.

Former Governor Hogg has favored political action, and it seems as if the farmers are taking his advice. The purposes of the union are to buy and sell in bulk, to educate along agricultural lines, to study politics and to discuss political economy. Several north Texas lodges during the last few days have made extensive purchases of supplies in carload lots and are encouraged by their savings.

MOVE FOR ARBITRATION.

Active Work to Secure an Anglo-American Treaty Begun.

Washington, D. C.—The awakening throughout the United States of a popular sentiment which, it is hoped, will develop into a national demand for an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain was the object of a gathering at the home of John W. Foster, formerly Secretary of State. It is understood that the movement has the hearty approval of the President. Among those present were Admiral Dewey, General Nelson A. Miles, Wayne MacVeagh, Thomas Nelson Page, Gifford Pinchot, John R. Proctor, General H. V. Boynton, D. C. Gilman, Charles C. Glover, District Commissioners MacFarland and West, John Joy Edson, Charles J. Bell, William J. Boardman and W. V. Cox. Monsignor D. J. O'Connell was unable to be present, but telegraphed to General Foster his sympathy with the movement. The men named constitute the local committee, and will arrange for a meeting of the National Arbitration Committee in this city on January 12.

PRESIDENT TO GET $30,000.

Will of His Uncle, J. K. Gracie, Leaves $5000 Each to Ethel and Kermit, Too.

Mineola, L. I.—The will of James King Gracie, uncle of President Roosevelt, was admitted to probate by Judge Seabury here. It bequeaths to the President $30,000, and the same amount to each of the President's sisters, Mrs. Cowles, the wife of Commander Cowles, U. S. N., and Corinne Roosevelt Robinson.

Two of the President's children, Kermit, for whom the late Mr. Gracie was godfather, and Ethel, who was the godchild of the testator's wife, were remembered with $5000 each.

TORPEDO BOAT SAVED

The Adder, in Grip of Storm, Recaptured by Heroic Sailor.

Boatswain of the Tug Peoria Responds to Call For Volunteers and Risked His Life in Splendid Feat.

Norfolk, Va.—The submarine torpedo boats Adder and Moccasin, which broke loose from the tug Peoria during a storm, have both been saved, the former by the heroism of Boatswain Deery, of the Peoria, who swam 100 yards in a raging sea to fasten a line to the little craft, and the latter by the very waves which threatened her destruction, for she was cast high and dry and uninjured upon a bar off Currituck, N. C.

He responded to a call for volunteers to swim to the Adder, though a thirty-four-mile gale was blowing and mountainous seas were crashing over the Peoria and burying the drifting submarine boats beneath tons of water. Putting on a life-preserver and fastening a slender line about his waist he plunged into the ocean and battled with wind and tide for a full 100 yards, finally reaching the Adder and gaining her deck. There he hauled a thick hawser aboard by means of the life line and made it fast.

All this time the Adder was being tossed about like a cork one minute and driven far beneath the surface the next, rolling and wallowing in such a manner as to make it almost impossible to retain a position upon her scanty decking, but Deery held on and accomplished his work. Then he went back to the tug hand over hand on the hawser.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY BURNED

Well-Known Canadian College Destroyed by Fire.

Ottawa, Canada.—Ottawa University, one of the largest educational institutions in Canada, was totally destroyed by fire in two hours. Sections of the walls are the only remains of the magnificent stone building which was one of the sights of the city. The loss is estimated at $500,000, and the insurance amounts to $200,000.

The university is a Roman Catholic institution under the direction of the Oblate Fathers. It will take two years before it can be rebuilt. There were 450 students, more than 300 of whom come from the New England States.

Some had to jump from the fourth and fifth stories. All the students, however, escaped with very slight injuries.

The fire is supposed to have resulted from a burning cigarette which was thrown away after the play in the Academy Hall. A library of 30,000 volumes was destroyed.

HOBSON'S BIG NAVY SCHEME.

Would Spend $2,750,000,000 For Warships Before 1925.

Washington, D. C.—Richmond Pearson Hobson, ex-commander in the Navy, has prepared a bill which he has requested Representative Wiley, of Alabama, to introduce in the House. Its purpose, he says, is to make the United States the first naval power of the world.

The bill makes a total appropriation of $2,750,000,000, a certain portion of which is to be used each year for new ships.

Fifty million dollars is made available for the present fiscal year, $60,000,000 for the next, and so on, increasing by $10,000,000 each year up to 1915, when a lump sum of $1,500,000,000 is made to carry on the program to 1925.

HUNTINGTON ESTATE IS SUED

Claim For $300,000 Damages, Result of Railway Bargain.

Galveston, Texas.—Suit for $300,000 damages was begun in the District Court here against the Collis P. Huntington estate. The petitioners are David B. Henderson and Walter Gresham, of Galveston. The defendants are Arabella D. Huntington and other executors of the will of Collis P. Huntington.

It is held in the petition that in 1899 Huntington agreed to purchase from the petitioners the stock of the Galveston and Western Railway, after certain provisions had been complied with. The executors declined to carry out the agreement. The Galveston and Western is a terminal road.

CRUDE OIL DEAREST IN YEARS.

Sale at $1.95 in Oil City Follows Report of Failing Production.

Oil City, Pa.—A bid of $2 for 10,000 barrels of crude oil represented by National Transit certificates was made in the floor of the exchange here. There was a sale of 5000 barrels at $1.95.

With the exception of the year 1895, when certificates sold as high as $2.65 a barrel, the bid and sale to-day is the highest quotation in twenty-five years, or since the opening and development of the prolific Bradford field. The advance is caused by the pipe line reports for November, which show a steady increase in new wells, but a decrease in production and a heavy draft on the reserve stocks, especially of Pennsylvania oil.

Dr. Cyrus Edson Dead.

Dr. Cyrus Edson, the eminent physician, son of former Mayor Franklin Edson, died at Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, from pneumonia, after an illness of only four days.

West Rutland Fire Swept.

A disastrous fire destroyed a large part of the business section of West Rutland, Vt. Fifteen buildings were burned. The loss will amount to about $50,000.

New Submarines For France.

France has just ordered the construction of six submarines of a new type—that devised by Naval Engineer Mangas. They will be the largest yet built, as when submerged they will have a displacement of 450 tons. The contract calls for twelve knots an hour under water.

The paper bills of the United States printing office amount to $750,000 a year. N. Y.—50

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Perfect safety, therefore, lies in buying only original bottles and other packages put up by the Chesebrough Manufact'g Co. Attention is called to their Capsicum Vaseline advertised in another column.

New Orleans and Galveston now export more wheat than New York.

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Germany, according to statements, is the country consuming the most potatoes.

Lakewood's Fall Season.

With the passing of the summer and the farewells to September there comes as a ruling thought in the minds of resorters the choice of a point of healthful and advantageous location for the winter, and, more immediately, for the months of early fall, when summer places of entertainment are closed and cold weather resorts have not yet opened. To the family the problem is a particularly weighty one for the schools all over the country are opening for the year, and it is time the little people took up the business of childhood. And in making choice there are to be considered as factors healthfulness, accessibility to business centres, the character of diversions and social surroundings.

It is true that Lakewood very largely owes its leading place among resorts to the peculiar points which are most valued at midwinter—warmth, shelter and mildness of climate—and yet, in all its eight months' season, from fall to spring, there are no more perfect months than October and November.

For more than twenty years the first day of October has been the date on which Lakewood has opened its doors to the outside world, and that first day's registrations have been uniformly large, including travelers from mountain and seashore, and returning cottagers anxious to get settled again in their Lakewood homes after a summer's wanderings. All through the above named months the habit of outdoor life which governed the hot weather season is prolonged in Lakewood, and the golden days of color which imperceptibly pass into frosts and chill of winter are rich in opportunities for sport and exercise on the golf links, the lake and in the woods. If you have never enjoyed the experience try Lakewood early in its season.

A booklet on Lakewood will be sent free by C. M. Burt, G. P. A., New Jersey Central, New York City.

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TROUGH CREEK.

H. G. Swope spent a couple of days under the parental roof last week.

Curtis Greenland and wife and Mrs. Webster Curfman have been visiting at Altoona for a week.

Nice dry weather and our roads are in fine condition for driving or heavy hauling, and there is a good deal of both being done.

We are sorry to learn that J. A. Crownover will leave the J. A. Cook mill next spring. Joe is a good miller and an accommodating gentleman.

Glasgow & Wright husked Sherman McClain's and Thompson Boring's corn and shreded their fodder last week and are continuing shredding this week.

Being afflicted with sciatic rheumatism the past week and not well of it yet, prevented us from attending the meeting of the state grange which, if in our usual health, we would have enjoyed very much.

J. C. Wright, who is nearing the close of his sixty-fifth year claims, and justly too, that he has made more trips to Huntingdon than any man living in Trough Creek and that he never saw the road in such a fine condition all the way through and no ice.

D. K. Coder has driven his traction engine into winter quarters and has his water tank standing up on end. We are at a loss to known why he keeps the tank in that position, but Dan is a man that attends well to his business and no doubt he has a reason for so doing.

E. M. and L. K. Smith and Watson Wright all have the water pumped into their kitchens. Improvement are going on down the valley also. The house on what is known as tbe Fink farm has been newly weatherboarded, also the house on the Griffith farm at the cross roads west of Cassville.

While waiting for the clock to strike six this Tuesday morning my mind ran back to my boyhood days, to what we were engaged at this time of the year and later on through the winter. Then the grain, except what was needed for seed and for present use, was left in the mows or stacks, until winter, where it was cured, then threshed and ground on the old burr system which gave us all the good properties of the wheat and the sweet palatable bread that contained muscle and brain-making food, but the flail and the old fashioned horse-power has given way to the steam thresher. The grain is threshed as soon, and often before, it is dry enough. The old fashioned burr has given way to the roller process which gives but little of the brain making material, and as Prof. Hart puts it insanity follows until scores of hospitals are filled with insane and suicides are almost numberless, for no one in his or her right mind will commit suicide. I know a man of those days that was a blacksmith and boarded with his brother-in-law, while single paying 25 cents a day for his board and when he had no work in the shop he would work for the brother-in-law for 25 cents and thus save his board. How much was he ahead at night. That same man, afterward, owned a farm in Trough Creek that he sold before he died for $4000. Nowadays men don't generally count things that way; too many have their month's wages eaten up before they draw their checks. How will it be with such when the panic comes which seems to be approaching.

TODD.

Another daughter has arrived at the home of Amon Curfman.

Lemuel Lane and family have moved into their new house at Bagdad.

Seibert A. Taylor, of Pittsburg, spent a few days with his father, H. D. Taylor.

Howard Saylor and wife, of Johnstown, have returned home after spending some time with his parents

Mrs. James Horton and Mrs. Zetta McClain and son, Furman, of Saxton, visited at the home of J. N. McClain.

Gilbert Curfman and wife have returned to their home in Altoona after visiting his parents at this place and, also, her parents in Duncannon.

Elba Curfman and wife and Miss Margre Reed, of Dysart, Cambria county, have returned to their home after visiting his parents at this place. Mrs. Curfman and Miss Reed also visited friends at Huntingdon and Newton Hamilton.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Charlotte Creswell, who has been sick for some time is improving. Mrs. Catharine Horton when last heard from was not improving very fast on account of her age. We also learn that Mrs. Amos Griffith is critically ill at this time. We hope for the speedy recovery of all.

The hunters were much pleased to have a tracking snow on the last day of the season and it was made use of. A crowd of hunters, consisting of Evans, Curfman, Stapleton and others, from this place, were out and captured two fine deer for their days work, being the only deer killed near this place this season. Jonathan Evans, one of our oldest citizens, was one of the crowd of hunters, he being in his eighty-second year and is as jubilant as any boy

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LATTA RUN.

Effie Dell has gone to Mapleton to work for Mr. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Stever spent Sunday at the home of James Monihen.

M. J. Monihen and wife are spending a few days with Mr. Monihen's parents.

Gilbert Querry, wife and brother, Ira, visited Mrs. Querry's mother on Sunday.

Denver Smith got the ends of two of his fingers cut off while edging for Mr. Wagner.

A local institute will be held at the Latta Grove school on the 1st and 2nd of January, 1904.

W. G. Taylor and Blanch Querry spent Saturday evening and Sunday with James McClain of Trough Creek.

Washington Camp No. 662 will hold a festival in the hall on the evening of January 2nd. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dell and son, Homer, spent Saturday and Sunday with the county superintendent, J. G. Dell.

Bert Stever and wife, Mittie Lightner and son, Earl, and Henry Stever, of Huntingdon, spent Sunday with M. D. Walker.

Esco Walker, Jack Dell, Ora Querry, Malva Dell, Myrtle Querry, Effie Dell and David Dell attended the spelling at Washington school on Wednesday evening of last week. All report having had a delightful time.

LATTA GROVE.

Miss Effie Dell has gone to Mapleton where she will remain for a few weeks.

J. H. Crownover killed his hogs on Tuesday. Michael Stever killed two March pigs which weighed 375 pounds.

Washington Camp No. 662, P. O. S. of A., will hold a festival in their hall Saturday night, January 2, 1904, commencing at 5 o'clock.

Following is the report of Latta Grove school for the third month ending December 4, 1903: Whole number enrolled, males 12, females 15, total 27; average attendence during month, males 9, females 12, total 21; per. cent of attendance during month, males 88, females 85, total 87. Those who missed no time during month are Andrew Crownover, Elda Dell, Wilbur Lynn, Elby Monihen, Alverna Dell, Fred Crownover, Elda Stever, Erma Monihen, Maud Stever, Homer Stever. Visitors 5. D. H. Dell, teacher.

SMITH VALLEY.

Denver Smith had his finger nails trimmed a little close on the edger at Wagner's stave mill last Tuesday. The mill is in operation this week again.

A spelling held at Garfield last Tuesday night by Miss Millie Bowman was a decided success. One held at Washington school on Wednesday night by D. F. Lane was also a success.

E. S. Hammond, who cut a gash in his leg the length of the axe bit while cutting logs for A. P. Stever, is getting along fairly well. He thinks he will soon be able to go to work again.

Walter Parks, wife and three children are visiting among friends and relatives in this vicinity. They have been living in Dennison, Ohio, for the past two years. Other visitors are C. B. Smith, of Shavers Creek, Scott Drake and wife, of Saltillo, and J. L. Culbertson, of Allensville.

CASSVILLE.

Miss Naomi Wilson is visiting friends in Mapleton.

H. G. Swope and sister, Ettie, were guests of Mrs. J. O. Heaton last week.

Prof. McClain is preparing to hold literary exercises next Friday afternoon in his school.

We heard a number of persons praising the poem by J. O. Smith in a recent number of the ITEM.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hyssong paid a visit to Huntingdon last week and purchased an elegant parlor stove.

John Taylor was so unfortunate as to cut his hand badly while butchering on Monday. Dr. Smith dressed the wound.

The revival in the Methodist church ocntinues with unabated interest. Conversions every night. Rev. Strain is a thinker, an orator and a revivalist.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 29, 1903.

	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. Night	D'ly. A.M.	D ly. A.M.	D'ly. A. M	D'ly ex. S. P.M.
New York:						
W. 23d St. Sta.	7 55	12 10	. . .	. . .	8 55	5 55
Desb's St. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Cort'dtSt. Sta.	8 00	12 15	. . .	. . .	9 00	6 00
Philadelphia	11 40	4 25	7 10	11 40	11 40	5 30
Washington	10 40	. . .	7 50	. . .	10 50	5 40
Baltimore	11 55	4 44	8 52	. . .	12 00	7 00

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Harrisburg	2 50	8 00	11 48	. .	3 10	5 20	11 35
Rockville	. .	8 12	11 59	.	. .	5 32	10 46
Marysville	f3 04	8 17	12 03	. .	. .	5 37	10 49
Duncannon	f3 18	8 35	12 16	. .	3 35	5 54	11 03
Newport	f3 40	9 05	12 37	. .	3 55	6 22	11 25
Millerst'wn	. .	9 14	f12 45	. .	. .	6 32	f11 34
Thom's't'n	. .	9 25	f12 53	. .	. .	6 22	f11 42
Port Royal	f4 13	9 43	f 1 07	. .	f4 22	6 59	f11 57
Mifflin	4 18	9 48	1 11	. .	4 27	7 05	12 01
Lewist'n Jc.	4 40	10 14	1 30	. .	4 46	7 28	12 22
McVeytown	f5 02	10 39	1 48	. .	J5 04	7 52	. .
N. Hamilt'n	f5 21	11 01	f 2 04	. .	. .	8 12	. .
Mt. Union	f5 27	11 07	2 08	. .	5 25	8 18	. .
Mapleton	f5 33	11 13	f 2 14	. .	. .	8 25	. .
Huntingdon	5 50	11 32	2 29	. .	5 44	8 43	. .
Petersburg	f6 07	11 47	2 43	. .	. .	8 57	. .
Birm'gham	f6 35	12 13	3 07	. .	H6 14	9 19	. .
Tyrone	6 42	12 20	3 12	. .	6 19	9 25	. .
Bellwood	7 07	12 41	3 29	. .	6 37	9 42	. .
Altoona	7 30	1 00	3 45	. .	6 55	10 00	. .
Pittsburg	12 10	5 50	8 45	. .	10 45	1 50	. .
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.

"J" stops on signal to discharge passengers from Harrisburg and east and south of Harrisburg.

"H" stops on signal to let off passengers from points east and south of Harrisburg, and to take on passengers for Pittsburg and beyond.

Additional trains leave Harrisburg for Altoona and Pittsburg as follows: 1.35, 2.41, 11.45 a.m., 12.55, 2.53, 3.05, 7.20, 9.48, 11.05 and 11.55 p. m. daily.

	Week days. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. A.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly. P.M.	D'ly P.M.
Pittsburg	. .	3 00	3 00	8 00	. .	12 45	4 55
Altoona	5 00	6 25	7 05	11 43	1 50	5 55	9 05
Bellwood	f5 12	. .	7 20	m1155	2 04	6 10	9 19
Tyrone	5 24	6 47	7 38	12 06	2 20	6 27	9 33
Birm'gham	f5 28	. .	7 43	g12 10	2 25	6 32	P9 38
Petersburg	f5 46	. .	8 07	. .	2 48	f6 56	. .
Huntingdon	5 57	7 17	8 20	12 37	3 02	7 10	10 12
Mapleton	f6 11	. .	8 36	. .	3 19	7 24	. .
Mt. Union	f6 17	. .	8 42	m1256	3 26	7 29	f10 32
N. Hamilton	f6 22	. .	8 46	. .	3 32	7 34	. .
McVeytown	6 40	. .	9 05	m1 16	3 53	f7 51	. .
Lewist'n Jc.	7 00	f8 05	9 27	1 35	4 18	8 10	11 16
Mifflin	7 22	. .	9 48	m1 52	4 42	8 30	f11 37
Port Royal	7 27	. .	9 52	. .	4 48	8 34	. .
Thom's't'n	7 42	. .	10 08	. .	5 07	f8 48	. .
Millerstown	7 51	. .	10 18	. .	5 17	f8 57	. .
Newport	8 00	. .	10 28	. .	5 29	9 05	. .
Duncannon	8 27	. .	10 52	. .	5 57	f9 29	. .
Marysville	8 44	. .	11 07	. .	6 15	f9 43	. .
Rockville	8 48	. .	11 12	. .	6 22	f9 48	. .
Harrisburg	9 00	9 30	11 25	3 10	6 35	10 00	1 00

	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Baltimore	12 15	12 15	*3 11	6 00	9 45	2 20	7 15
Washington	1 20	1 20	*4 20	7 15	. .	3 30	8 30
Philadelphia	11 48	12 17	*3 17	6 23	10 47	4 23	4 23
New York:							
Desb's St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
Cort'dt St.	2 03	2 53	*5 53	9 30	3 53	. .	7 13
W. 23d St.	2 15	3 00	*6 00	9 40	. .	. .	7 15
	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.

Additional trains leave Pittsburg for Altoona, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia as follows: 3.35, 7.15 and 7.30 a. m., 12.01, 4.50, 7.10, 9.00 and 10 00 p. m. daily.

*Week days only. "g" stops to let off passengers from Pittsburg and beyond, and to take on passengers for Harrisburg and beyond. "f" stops only on signal, or notice to agent or conductor, to receive or discharge passengers.

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"p" stops to discharge passengers from East Liberty, Pittsburg and beyond.

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At Huntingdon—For Bedford and Cumberland 8.35 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Bedford only 8.35 a. m. Sundays.

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For Scotia 7.50 a. m. and 2.50 p. m. week days.

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EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

Schedule in Effect September 28, 1903

NORTH	Mail No. 1 A.M.	Mail No. 3 P.M.	Irreg. No. 5 A.M.	Irreg. No. 7 P.M.
Robertsdale	6 05	12 35	8 30	4 30
Cook's	6 15	12 45	8 42	4 40
Martin's	6 20	12 50	8 46	4 44
Rocky Ridge	6 25	12 55	8 50	4 48
Cole's	6 35	1 00	8 55	4 53
Kimmell	6 43	1 07	9 03	5 00
Saltillo	7 02	1 32	9 25	5 18
Three Springs	7 08	1 40	9 33	5 25
Pogue	7 20	1 55	9 53	5 38
Booher Junction	7 30	2 05	10 00	5 46
Orbisonia	7 40	2 15	10 10	5 50
Shirley	7 55	2 30	10 25	. .
Augh. Mills	8 05	2 40	10 35	. .
Mount Union	8 25	3 00	10 55	. .
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SOUTH	Mail No. 2 a.m.	Mail No. 4 p.m.	Irreg. No. 6 a.m.	Irreg. No. 8 a.m.
Mount Union	9 00	4 00	. .	11 25
Augh. Mills	9 17	4 18	. .	11 42
Shirley	9 30	4 30	. .	11 53
Orbisonia	9 50	4 55	5 35	1 35
Booher Junction	s10 00	5 00	5 39	1 40
Pogue	10 07	5 08	5 45	1 55
Three Springs	10 22	5 25	5 57	2 07
Saltillo	10 30	5 35	6 03	2 14
Kimmel	†10 50	5 55	6 23	2 33
Cole's	11 00	6 05	6 35	2 43
Martin's	†11 11	6 15	6 43	2 54
Rocky Ridge	f11 05	6 10	6 39	2 50
Cook's	11 17	6 20	6 48	2 58
Robertsdale	11 30	6 30	7 00	3 01
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST Irreg. No. 12 p.m.	Mail No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	EAST Irreg. No. 9 a.m.	Mail No. 11 p.m
5 00	6 20	L. . Orbisonia . . A	7 20	6 00
5 08	6 27	. *Blacklog .	7 31	5 53
5 16	6 35	. *Cedar Rock .	7 05	5 45
5 19	6 38	. *Locke Valley.	7 02	5 42
5 25	6 45	. *Shade Gap .	6 55	5 35

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—

(Estate of Richard Chilcott, deceased.)

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Richard Chilcott, late of Union township, Huntingdon county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

E. S. CHILCOTT, Executor, Colfox, Pa.

K. A. Lovell, Atty. Huntingdon, Pa. 12-9-6t

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons interested that the following inventories of the goods and chattels set apart to widows under the Act of the 14th day of April, 1851, have been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Huntingdon county, and will be confirmed ni si on December 16, 1903. If no exceptions be filed thereto the same will be confirmed absolutely February 4. 1904.

1. TRUAX. Inventory of the personal property of Marshall P. Truax, late of Mapleton Borough, deceased, as taken by his widow, Sarah C. Truax.
2. DELL. Inventory of the personal property of Henry S. Dell, late of Shirley township, deceased, as taken by his widow, Sarah J. Dell.
3. CONROY. Inventory and appraisement of the personal property and real estate of Nicholas Conroy, deceased, elected to be retained by Sarah Conroy, widow of said decedent.
4. DENNY. Inventory and appraisement of the real estate of Nathan Denny, late of Logan township, deceased, elected to be retained by his widow, Jane Denny.

Clerk's Office, Nov. 18, 1903. E. E. ENYEART, Clerk Orphans' Court.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the following named persons have settled their accounts in the Register's office at Huntingdon, and that the said accounts will be confirmed nisi December 16, 1903, and absolutely December 21, 1903.

1. BURGE. First and partial account of Charles Burge and George Goshorn, executors of the last will and testament of Moses Burge, late of Tell township, deceased.
2. THOMPSON. First and final account of Will J. Forbes and Harrison Speck, executors of Peter Thompson, late of Juniata township, deceased.
3. SPRANKLE. Account of W. W. Black and A. M. Allen, administrators of George Sprankle, late of Porter township, deceased.
4. HEFRIGHT. Seventh account of J. E. Smucker, executor of Frank Hefright, late of the Borough of Huntingdon, deceased, with distribution annexed.
5. GREENE. First and final account of Calvin Greene, executor of K. L. Greene, late of Orbisonia Borough, deceased, with distribution attached.
6. MORRISON. First account of Samuel P. Eby and Carey E. Etnier, executors of Miss Mary A. Morrison, of Mount Union, deceased.
7. HEFRIGHT. Account of I. D. Kuntzelman, guardian of Irvin Hefright, minor child of George Henry Hefright, deceased, an heir of Lewis Hefright, deceased, and of Frank Hefright, deceased.
8. EYER. First and final account of Charles S. Eyer, administrator of David E. Eyer, late of Warriorsmark township, deceased, with distribution annexed.
9. KRUGH. Last and final account of M. J. Krugh, executor of Catharine Krugh, late of the Borough of Rockhill, deceased.

Register's Office, Nov. 18, 1903. E. E. ENYEART, Register.

Nothing has ever equalled it.
Nothing can ever surpass it.

Dr. King's New Discovery

For CONSUMPTION COUGHS and COLDS Price 50c & $1.00

A Perfect Cure: For All Throat and Lung Troubles.

Money back if it fails. Trial Bottles free.

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SALTILLO, PA.

Has and carries a very large and extensive line of well-selected and cash-bought goods

consisting of

General Hardware

of all kinds, Cook Stoves, Ranges and Heating Stoves, Single and Double Breech-loading Guns and Shells, Paints, Oils, Harness, Whips Robes and Tinware.

FURNITURE

Chamber Suits, Sideboards, Couches, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Springs of several good makes, Mattresses, Kitchen, Dining and Parlor Chairs and Rockers, Extension Tables, excellent makes and very low in price. Also the FAMOUS 1900 WASHING MACHINE, Parlor Organs and Sewing Machines, Carpet and Wall Paper.

I also have a furniture store in Mount Union, Pa., in care of Geo. R. Smawley who will be glad to furnish anything in the House furnishing line at competing low prices.

We are prepared to sell as close as any dealer in the county and solicit a share and continuance of your patronage.

D. E. M'CLAIN.

FISHER'S Mother's Bread

Only the best flour and materials are used, and it is

Absolutely Pure,

mixed (like all other bread) by the latest improved mixing machines, which guarantee perfect cleanliness, and baked by only skillful bakers in our modern bake shop. If you have not tried it, ask your grocer or stop our wagons which are on the streets all day.

We will also bake our usual line of Bread and Rolls which it has always been our aim to have pure, clean and wholesome.

As to cakes, would say they are made by skilled bakers, and only fresh country butter and eggs are used.

Ask for and eat Fisher's Mother's Bread.

Fisher's Penn Street Bakery, Huntingdon, Pa.

To the Good People

Of Mapleton and Vicinity.

I want to say that the Heidel Furniture Co. having dissolved, I have purchased the entire stock, leases and accounts of the same and will continue the sale of

Furniture, Stoves, Carpets

and a full line of general merchandise at the same place.

Furniture, Stoves, Carpets and many other goods sold on the installment plan, or for cash as may suit the purchaser. A call to see our goods is solicited.

T. A. APPLEBY,

Water Street,
Mount Union, Pa.

FOUND!

100-pc. Dinner Sets

In different decorations

$7.00 to $15.00.

A lot of heavy Gold Band Cups, Saucers and Plates **At 10 Cents**

An assortment of Toilet Sets, $1.50 to $5.00

Wood and Iron Wagons, Child's Doll Coaches, Carts and Chair Carts, Pillow Sham Holders; also a full line of Tin, Granite, Wooden and Willow ware, Crocks, 1 pt. to 1 gal. at

Yocum's Novelty

Near Postoffice,

Huntingdon, Penna.

William Reed & Sons

With Our Formal Opening Days

Thursday, Friday and Saturday of This Week

our Holiday Business starts off in full swing.

Never before have we gathered together such a comprehensive line of beautiful things for giving. Every taste and every purse may be suited. The stock is very large but our four floors offer such splendid chances for arranging the different lines that shopping is easy. The new passenger elevator, which has every modern safety appliance, carries our patrons easily to the upper floors, making it a pleasure to go to all parts of the building. The lines are so numerous and so varied as to baffle description, and many new ones that we have never shown before, are here on lavish display.

THE FANCY GOODS.

Include the newest ideas in Burt Wood, Burnt Leather, Celluloid, Brass Framed Mirrors, Picture Frames, Leather Goods of all kinds, Silver Novelties, Gold and Silver Jewel Cases, Candelabra, Pliin and Fancy Baskets of all kinds, and other things that we cannot even mention.

THE NEW CHINA STORE

On the Fourth floor is a delight to lovers of beauty in pottery. From little articles for every day us, this immense stock includes unique pieces of celebrated makes of pottery, each of which is a work of art.

Choice pieces of Cloisome, Old Morivian, Swedish, Royal Bonn, Royal Hanover, Limoges, Austrian, and other makes of china will appeal to your ideas of beauty. Moderate prices prevail.

Rich Cut Glass will be found here in a great variety of handsome cuttings.

TOYLAND

On the second floor makes the work of St. Nicholas an easy task. Sensible well made toys that delight older people as well as the little ones are here in bewildering but orderly profusion.

The line of dolls is worthy of special mention. We think it is as fine a collection as we've ever seen. We were particular to get well made, perfect dolls, and some of them are so cute, you simply can't resist them.

A December Coat Sale, beginning Monday, December 7th.

We have arranged to have a special sale of coats, capes and suits at the beginning of winter just when you need heavy garments. The offering will be fine, many garments being marked at half price. We can't particularize. If you need a coat, cape or suit, come to this sale.

Wm. Reed & Sons,

Huntingdon, Pa.

Prices are Reduced

ALL THROUGH THE STORE.

In order to make room for new goods now coming in, we have reduced prices on all Dress Goods.

Dress Goods that was 25c yd., reduced to 15c yd.
Best Calicos reduced to 5c and 6c per yd.
Ginghams reduced to 5c and 6c per yd.
Muslin, yd wide, from 5c to 8c per yard.

BOYS' SUITS, Ages 5 to 12 Years

Regular prices ranged from $1.25 to $3.50; will be sold regardless of cost. Persons desiring to buy Boys' Suits have the opportunity here of receiving double value for their money. Come early as they will not be here long at the greatly reduced prices at which we are offering them.

GROCERIES.

Package Coffee,	11c per pound.
Loose Coffee,	15c per pound.
Granulated Sugar,	5½c per pound.
Soft White Sugar,	5c per pound.
EVAPORATED FRUIT.	
Extra Fine Peaches,	10c per pound.
Apricots,	10c per pound.
Best California Prunes	10c per pound.

Visit our store and examine goods. You will find prices right.

Main St J. G. GILLAM, Mapleton.

DO YOU NEED FURNITURE?

Styles change in Furniture as in all things else. Up-to-date Furniture is what everybody wants. Antique is all right for show but modern is desired for use.

We invite you to inspect

A MODERN FURNITURE STORE

the stock of which comprises everything necessary for furnishing the new home.

The goods are first class in every respect and we will take pleasure in showing them to you.

Watch this space for our announcements.

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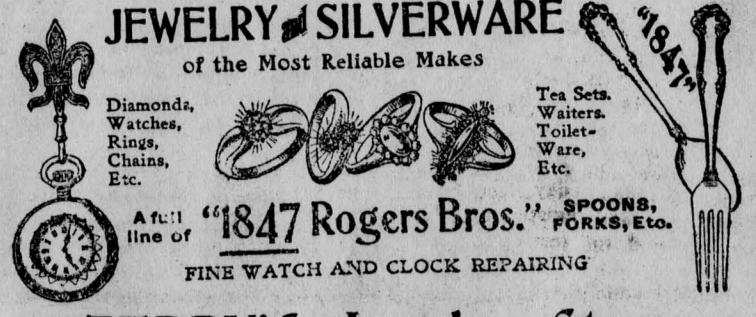

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Tea Sets. Waiters. Toilet-Ware, Etc.

A full line of **"1847 Rogers Bros."** SPOONS, FORKS, Etc.

FINE WATCH AND CLOCK REPAIRING

ZERBY'S Jewelry Store,

Huntingdon, Penna.

THE GREAT HOPE.

I wonder who among us all
  Would strive another day,
Would have another wish to crawl
  On up the toilsome way,
If, honestly and fully, down in his inmost heart,
  Each mortal thought
That earth was all and final, the grave the end; that naught
  Of soul or mind might sweep
  Across the empty deep
To claim the old dead body's counterpart,
Idealized and perfected; that none might gaze
Back on the world, nor see the living raise
Up monuments for us, nor hear their praise.
  With this hope torn from every breast,
  With all believing death the end,
How many would still do their best?
  Who still would strive? Would you, my friend?

—S. E. Kiser, in the Chicago Record-Herald.

THE GIRL WHO WANTED A MASTER.

By Augusta Kortrecht.

From her childhood the girl had felt a vague longing to be controlled. Hers was the woman-heart that craved the word of authority now and then; and yet she had gone through some twenty years in a world where all sorts of words abound, and had not met that kind. She knew just where the trouble lay. She had been shielded from it—unwisely, foolishly—by a too tender family of male relatives. She had been kept out of her right, as it were. When she merited rebuke she got only gentle remonstrance; and when she needed to be led she was followed instead, sometimes far in folly.

But now that she had come to New York to earn her living she meant to change all that. She had thought it out. She intended to take service with a high-handed master; to throw off responsibility; to put her thinking apparatus down in camphor balls as unnecessary; and to do only what she was bidden. Her brother was away from home on a business trip, and did not know her plans.

Fate and a Want Ad. led her to the establishment of Mr. Barney Blevins, and a red-haired youth led her on into Mr. Blevin's own office. Mr. Blevins was a stout gentleman and coatless. He saw no real reason for rising or removing his cigar. He looked the dainty figure over from top to toe; his eye dwelt a moment on the face, which was delicate and yet had a strength of its own. Then he remarked: "You're a likely looking girl. Want work do ye, eh?"

She should have known better, but she didn't. She beamed at him. The burr in the voice was strange to her, and the choice of words was not what she would have heard at home; but underneath both there was a deep sound of mastery that was grateful to her ear. This was what she had traveled miles to hear. She wished he would do it again.

It developed that Mr. Barney Blevins had increasing outside interests and that he wanted some one in his office as confidential clerk. He thought she would do.

"And check up the cash register," he explained. "And watch the others, the cheats! Watch every one of them. And—I hope you're honest," he shouted suddenly. "Are ye honest, eh? Well, about how honest now—what's the very lowest price for your honesty?"

The week passed slowly by. The girl watched the others and saw many things: but she kept them to herself. Somehow it seemed difficult to lay them before Mr. Barney Blevins. The cash came short every blessed night; and grins—quiet, ghostlike grins—went the rounds when the confidential clerk squared things each time out of her little purse.

Mr. Blevins took her to his bank and introduced her, and said to the cashier; "Watch out for me, will ye? I ain't sure of the girl yet. She better be honest, be-dad! There's better ones gone to the bread line that's went against me!"

And the cashier had looked at her with wonder in his eye and she had felt uncomfortable.

Was this the word of authority? Could a vine-woman cling comfortably to an oak-man like this. Then Mr. Blevins showed her the combination of a little safe, his personal safe, that held some hundreds of dollars in cash, and a box of diamonds. These she was to consider her charge—nobody else knew the combination.

She did what she was told, and she was told in English strange to her ears. She got real criticism, outspoken, fresh from the heart, and frank withal. Her every action was dictated. But she did not throw off responsibility. Instead she grew pale and nervous. She counted the diamonds and the cash many times in a day, lest they grew fewer; and the register followed her home and perched on her chest all night, and by day ate up her surplus small change while she lunched on two-cent frankfurters.

On Saturday Mr. Barney Blevins arrived early at the office and called his employes before him. It seemed to be a weekly custom. He began at the top of the line and went impartially along telling them things in vigorous language. "You're a thief!" he roared to one. "You think I don't see things with my eyes. Hand over that change you took from the register. Give it to the girl there—she's the honestest one in the bunch. Quick for you." And to another: "You're awful scared I'll fire ye, ain't ye, now—eh? Just don't you worry! I'll keep ye, and I'll work ye, and the girl and me'll watch that you don't thieve us. See?"

When she got to the boarding house that night, late, hungry, tired, she was ushered into the dim parlor; and there she saw a manly figure standing very stiff and quiet. She knew it well. She had more than once stamped her foot at this same manly figure, and said "No! No! No!" to its soft and gentle pleading. Now she stood silent before him. The man's eyes were stern and his lips were drawn into a straight, hard line. He put his hand on her arm and placed her firmly in a chair. Then he said:

"Go to your room. You will please go to your room and wash your face. Pour the water from the bowl, and do not throw the towel on the floor. Put another hat on. Get a wrap. Do not forget a clean handkerchief. Be sure to lock your trunk. Be back here within ten minutes."

Meekly she obeyed. In the big hotel dining-room the severe-looking man opposite her ordered dinner without a word of consultation. He ordered as for a child, and very humbly she ate what he served to her. Then he called a cab and they drove to a theatre. It was not the kind of play she cared for and she had seen it before. She was pretty tired, too. But she glanced at him and decided not to speak. After the play he led the way to a supper room. He made light conversation, and now and then smiled; but he ordered things without parley. She wondered whether she might mention that lobster always made her very ill; but she did not tell him.

It was very late when he left her inside the hall of her boarding house. He turned and looked back at her. She seemed very small and wan; and he came back and put his hands on her shoulders, and when she looked up he was smiling, but he tried to frown.

"The voice of authority?" he said musingly. "That is what your letter to your brother said. Well, it is all right. That can be arranged. All you have to do is to say 'Yes' at the right place in the service; I'll tell you when. You shall never have to think again."

She was very tired and very sleepy. She clung to him ignominiously while she said: "I'll do anything you s-s-say. Th-th-thank you. But don't ever ask me if I'm honest—and don't b-b-bully me, and I can't b-b-bear to b-be b-b-b-bossed.

And she fled up the dark, dingy stairs.—New York Times.

The Pygmies of Africa.

A German scientist has recently brought out some interesting conclusions in regard to the pygmy race, of which specimens are still met with in the central part of Africa. It is probable that the pygmy races have existed also in Europe. This conclusion is arrived at from the examination of numerous skeletons which have been found in the region of Breslau, in Silesia. Their height is considerably below the ordinary average, being about 4 feet 9 inches, which represents the mean figure for a whole group of skeletons. Kollman describes the remains of pygmies which have been found in Switzerland. In this case the average height reaches as low as 4 feet 6 inches. Gutmann has described the pygmy remains which were found in lower Alsace, near Colmar. These are still smaller and the height of many of the specimens is but 4 feet. The pygmy race must be considered as composed of well formed specimens and not in any way degenerate or pathologic. They seem to have persisted in Europe until a comparatively recent epoch. The pygmies of Silesia appear to have been the contemporaries of the Romans and to have existed until the year 1000 A. D.—Indianapolis News.

Loads of Names.

Imagination staggers at some of the Christian names borne by certain scions of the Tollemache family. One of them (son of a Lincolnshire parson), matriculated at Kebie college, Oxford, a year or two ago, as Leo Quintus Tollemache Tollemache de Orellana Plantagenet Tollemache; while one of his brothers was christened "Lyulph Ydwallo Odin Nestor Egbert Lyonel Toedmag Hugh Echenwyne Saxon Esa Cromwell Orma Nevill Dysart Plantagenet." The real difficulty must be living up to such magnificent appellations when the christening clergyman has succeeded in pronouncing them.—London Daily Chronicle.

Sending Meat by Mail.

I know a resident of Berlin, says a writer in World's Work, who has a package of meat mailed to him every Saturday from a point 150 miles away in Silesia for a little more than 12 cents—the rate for a 22-pound parcel. German merchants deliver most of their goods by mail—the small storekeeper thus provided with as good a delivery as the larger. Germany has even been permited to mail 11-pound parcels to addresses in the United States.

LABOR WORLD.

The membership of the Associated Ironmolders of Scotland is now 7313.

Blast furnace workers of the United States will demand an eight-hour day on May 1, 1904.

The next convention of the International Plate Printers' Union will be held at Ottawa, Can.

The number of men employed on the railways of the United Kingdom, including boys, is 523,982.

Hamilton (Can.) Trades and Labor Council will form a workingmen's party for municipal politics.

An order has been received at Fort Wayne, Ind., to lay off immediately ten per cent. of the men employed in the Wabash shops in that city.

Union bakers in the country last year numbered 13,632 members, with 727 women included, and now they have in all 21,270, with 1376 women members.

According to the nearest estimate there are said to be only about 200 non-union capmakers in the United States and about 100 in the Dominion of Canada.

As the result of an edict sent out by the Teachers' Federation of Chicago, Ill., the organization has determined to boycott all candy stores selling sweets not manufactured according to union rules.

The Plasterers' Union at Minneapolis, Minn., is one of the strongest unions in that city from a financial standpoint, and with three exceptions every plasterer in the city is a member of the union. Every member is at work, and they have a scale of $4.50 a day.

In the two great industrial provinces of Vladimir and Moscow, Russia, men on the average earn from $7.50 to $8 a month. This would be $2 a week or thirty-three cents a day. Women get $5.25 a month, or about $1.30 per week, and boys of sixteen $4 a month or less than fifteen cents a day, while children are paid as low as $2 a month, or fifty cents a week, about eight cents a day.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The University of Minnesota is negotiating for a debate with Columbia University.

Wesleyan University won the fourth annual debate from Williams College at Middletown, Conn.

The Association of American Agricultural Colleges have elected as President Dr. W. O. Thompson, of the Ohio State University.

By the will of Sarah B. Harrison Yale University is to receive $100,000 in memory of her brother, Governor Henry B. Harrison.

To Dr. James Naismith physical director of the University of Kansas, belongs the distinction of being the inventor of the game of basketoali.

The Natural History Library of Tufts College received 623 additions during the past year. It now contains 2000 volumes and 4743 pamphlets.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Enders, President of Susquehanna University, has announced that the trustees of the institution will try to raise $250,000 for the erection of a new dormitory.

The University of Wisconsin will celebrate next June the fiftieth anniversary of its first commencement. The newly elected President, Charles R. Van Hise, will be inaugurated.

Kansas University has severed all athletic relationship with the University of Nebraska. The breaking of the ties comes after ill feeling and wrangling extending back for five years.

Dr. Edward Hitchcock, of the Amherst Class of '49, has been elected President of the Amherst Mountain Climbing Club. He is seventy-five years old, and is Dean of the Faculty.

Announcement has been made that the Dickinson College Athletic Association is to have an extension of their training facilities. The association has obtained the services of Mr. Abbott, a graduate of Yale University, who will devote his entire attention to the coaching of the college teams.

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Joe Corbett denies that he has signed with Pittsburg.

Brayton Ives paid to Monroe Salisbury $20,000 for the trotting horse Monte Carlo.

Henry Chadwick, the father of baseball, is seventy-nine years old, and still follows the game sharply.

The figure skating contest for the championship of the world will be held in Berlin, Germany, in 1904.

The German Emperor has postponed his offer of a cup for a yacht race from New York to Cowes for another year.

The trotting turf authorities will probably place the records made with the aid of wind shields in a separate class.

Manager Clarke says no expense will be spared to strengthen the Pittsburg National League team in order to win the pennant for the fourth consecutive time.

President Hart, of the Chicago National League Club, has received an offer from Gerry Herrmann, of the Cincinnati Club, for Captain Frank Chance.

James R. Keene has decided to race no more in England. He and his son, Foxhall, have arranged to break up their English stable, and their colors will be seen no more in the classic stakes in that country.

United States sportsmen, contrary to the Canadian law, have been hunting ducks on the St. Lawrence with gasoline launches, and an officer of the provincial game department is taking steps to stop the practice.

Jockey O'Neil is going in for education this winter instead of riding horses at New Orleans and California. O'Neil, who is very ambitious, will go to St. Louis to a business college and study until the Eastern season opens.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Sir Thomas Lipton has to pay taxes on property in Chicago assessed at $250,000.

Peter Rosegger, the Austrian author, on the occasion of his recent sixtieth birthday, received over 500 congratulatory telegrams.

Professor Erichs Narcks, the biographer of Emperor William I., has been asked by Prince Herbert Bismarck to write a life of his father.

Pietro Cartoni has given $200,000 to found a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients at Rome in memory of his two sons, who died of tuberculosis.

Mrs. Leland Stanford is said to carry a larger amount of insurance than any other woman in the world. Her policies amount to more than a million dollars.

A bronze statue of General Nicholas Herkimer, founder of the New York village that bears his name, will shortly be presented to the people of the town.

The Archduchess Augusta of Austria has just proved herself a good shot from a recent hunting trip she chanced alone upon a large bear and coolly shot him dead.

Dr. H. F. Swanback, the oldest living Odd Fellow in Nebraska, is the only man in that State who wears the Iron Cross of Prussia, presented to him by Frederic IV.

Professor Koch, of Heidelberg, is the only instructor of any university in Germany who lectures on journalism. He has for several years lectured there on this subject.

Brigadier-General C. Alfonso Zelaya, o Nicaragua, son of President Zelaya, of that country, has arrived in New York, and is to register as a student in a business college in Newark.

The Queen of Siam owns the costliest thimble in the world. It is made of pure gold in the shape of a half-opened lotos flower, and is thickly studded with the rarest of diamonds and precious stones.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Arizona has taken to raising dates.

Express trains are now running from Berlin to Naples in thirty-seven and one-half hours.

The Kaiser was absent when a monument to his father was unveiled at Muenchen-Gladbach.

Road locomotives are used on German farms for pulling down trees and for hauling heavy loads of lumber.

Lord Roberts, the British Commander-in-Chief, has offered to resign his post if the Government should wish it.

Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company purposes entering aggressively into the soft coal industry of Pennsylvania.

The Russian Minster of Education is said to have advocated the introduction of chess in schools as a means of developing the mind.

After the appointments to the army from the class at Fort Leavenworth, there remain ninety-two vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant.

Italy proposes to reduce the interest of her bonded debt, take control of the railways and inaugurate progressive taxation as measures of economy.

Petroleum has just been recommended as the best fuel for express and passenger trains in Austria by the Railroad Ministry after a series of experiments.

Detective Ireland, of President McKinley's secret bodyguard at Buffalo, is to help protect the President of France from assassins during his visit to Rome, Italy.

According to the summary of the Texas railroads to the State Railway Commission the lines carried during 1903 3,141,000 tons of grain, compared with 1,900,000 tons in 1902.

Bank exchanges at the London Bankers' Clearing House from the first of the year to the latest date at hand amounted to $42,971,860,000, an increase of $344,645,000, or .81 per cent. over last year.

WORLD'S FAIR TOPICS.

Palace of Varied Industries, 525x1200 feet; cost $604,000.

Floral clock, dial 100 feet in diameter, hands fifty fet long.

Forty-four States and Territories appropriate $5,812,500.

Half a million dollars expended in decorative sculpture.

Melon day—500,000 melons served to visitors without cost.

Festival Hall, 200 feet high, in centre of Cascade Gardens.

Philippine exhibits, costing $1,000,000, covers forty acres.

Automobile chairs, carrying two persons, reach all points.

International congresses, learned men from everywhere.

United States Government's total appropriations, $6,473,000.

Amount raised by city of St. Louis and citizens, $10,000,000.

Palace of Mines and Metallurgy, 525 x750 feet; cost $498,000.

Intramural double-track railway to all parts of the grounds.

Model strawberry farm, with 400 varieties growing thereon.

Wireless telegraph station among great electrical exhibits.

Art pottery manufactory in operation, showing processes.

Over fifty foreign governments to make elaborate displays.

The art palaces, central structure, premanent; cost $1,014,000.

Thirty-five miles of asphalt and gravel roadways in grounds.

Great Britain to reproduce the orangery of Kensington Palace.

Live stock exhibit covers thirty-seven acres; $250,000 for premiums.

Palace of Agriculture, 546x1660 feet; twenty-three acres; cost $529,940.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Roosevelt is taking advantage of her let-up from social responsibilities to indulge her favorite pastime of driving.

Former Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois, died at his residence of pneumonia, aged seventy-one years.

There is a prospect that Congress will take kindly to the liberal suggestions for appropriaations for rural free delivery this winter.

Speaker Cannon ejected from his room at the Capitol a labor leader who accused him of packing the House Committee on Labor.

In his annual report to Congress Secretary Moody points out the need in the American Navy of an organization to collect information and give advice on military affairs.

Senator Morgan suggested an inquiry as to whether subsidized railroads had prevented the ratification of the Hay-Herran treaty at Panama.

The President nominated A. L. C. Atkinson to be Secretary of Hawaii.

Dr. Herran was informed that the State Department will consider no proposition from General Reyes, Colombian envoy, other than relating to a settlement between Panama and Colombia.

Mr. John W. Riddle, recently Secretary of the United States Embassy at St. Petersburg, Russia, has been appointed Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt.

Senator Penrose introduced a resolution authorizing a request to the Postmaster-General for all the papers connected with the postoffice investigation.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Several hundred Porto Rican school teachers will probably be brought to this country next summer and given several weeks' tuition in normal schools.

Governor Taft has appointed a mixed committee of officials connected with different departments of the Government and business men of Manila to consider and recommend a new list of tariff changes for the Philippine Islands.

The Philippine Commission has passed an act to maintain the equality of gold and silver pesos by creating a reserve fund from the receipts of the sales of certificates of deposit and seigniorage on the coinage.

Rios, the fanatical Filipino leader of the Tabayas, was hanged for murder. Laredo Toledo, a ladrone leader, was sentenced to death.

The office of the Vandegrift Construction Company, at San Juan, Porto Rico, interested in a $3,000,000 trolley scheme, has been closed for non-payment of rent and owing to attachments for salaries.

The Federal Grand Jury, of Honolulu, H. I., in its report to Judge Dole, accuses the late Legislature of systematic and monumental "grafting" and recklessness in the granting of warrants for work never done.

DOMESTIC.

Seven concerns engaged in the plumbing supply business were indicted by the Grand Jury at Chicago, Ill., on charges of being a combination to control prices.

The recently organized Citizens' Industrial Association of America will have headquarters at Dayton, Ohio, the Executive Committee having selected that city.

At the trial of six policemen charged with neglect of duty in allowing a crank to get at President Roosevelt, it was shown that the door of the rectory had been left unguarded.

It has been discovered that names of more than eighty persons were carried on books of St. Louis (Mo.) poorhouse who were not inmates.

A bank messenger's pouch containing $7000 stolen from table in registry division of the Baltimore (Md.) postoffice.

The Rev. William Bohler Walker, of Christ Episcopal Church, at Joliet, Ill., has been made a sort of assistant Chief of Police by Mayor Crolius to enable him to conduct an anti-saloon campaign.

Nearly two-thirds of the striking miners of the Northern Colorado coal fields resumed work.

A number of homes have been destroyed by prairie fires near Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

A prominent citizens of Quincy, Ky., Christian Bote, was found murdered, his head apparently having been crushed with a hammer, the work of a gang of desperadoes, it is believed.

Gold was discovered in sand brought up by dredger at work on channel across the Columbia River bar.

Hundreds of people have been killed by the scorge of typhoid fever in Butler, Pa.

A guard on the Chicago Elevated Railroad was shot and killed by a restaurant keeper because he was five cents short in the price of his breakfast.

Appraisement of the estate of the late Collis P. Huntington shows that he left $28,301,765, which is a little more than one-third of the estimate of his wealth at the time of his death.

A guardian was appointed for Miss Hobson, sister of Merrimac hero, to defend suit for $10,000 growing out of theft of diamond-studded medal.

FOREIGN.

King Alfonso has received the resignation of the present Spanish Cabinet.

The Bulgarian Premier said that the youth of that land was being driven into rebellion and emigration.

A SERMON FOR SUNDAY

A BEAUTIFUL DISCOURSE BY THE REV DR. HOWARD DUFFIELD.

Subject: Heart's Ease—The Iron Has Never Entered the Soul of Those Who Expect Happiness to Be a Matter of Personal Choice.

NEW YORK CITY.—"Heart's Ease" was the subject of the sermon Sunday morning in the Old First Presbyterian Church, Fifth avenue and Twelfth street, by the Rev. Dr. Howard Duffield, pastor. The text was from John, xiv: 1 (Revised Version): "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in Me." Dr. Duffield said:

Let not their hearts be troubled? How could they help it? They were not men who knew the world well and they were going out to face the world alone. They were not men versed in the wisdom of the schools, and they were to be the teachers of novel, profound and revolutionary truths. They were impulsive, undisciplined and without social influence. Hitherto in every hour of difficulty a divine friend had stood at their side to blunt upon the shield of His love every dart which was launched at them. Now they must address themselves unfriended to a mission such as men never attempted, and they must enter upon their adventure broken with bereavement and crushed with a consciousness of helplessness. How could they be otherwise than "troubled?" It is simple mockery to say to the heart which is harried with the mystery of pain and haunted with the bitterness of loneliness and stung with the keen sense of its inability to cope with the responsibilities of existence, "Don't be troubled." The oppressed soul is ready to reply, "Pour acid upon alkali and say 'do not ferment.' But when wishes are thwarted and hopes are withered, and endeavor has its upshot in disappointment, and the light of life has gone into eclipse, do not say to me, 'Let not your heart be troubled.' Either you have not measured my grief or the iron has never entered your soul."

But he who spoke this sentence had taken the exact measure of the woe of those to whom He spoke, and He knew the wormwood tang of sorrows blackest draught. His acquaintance with grief was life-long. He knew grief not as a casual passerby upon the streets. He knew grief not as we know some neighbor by occasional sight. He was the intimate and inseparable associate of that grim companion. It was just because He knew the secret sorrow, its strange ministry and its woudrous outcome, that when He saw His friends standing at the threshold of the very life which He Himself had lived, a life wrought out in loneliness and suffering and defeat and scorn, a life of utter sacrifice to the uplifting of others, a life rejected by the world for whose enrichment they were to give up everything that made their years sweet to them. He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled." In thought He was looking far forward from that unknown house in Jerusalem beneath whose roof they then were seated, to another mansion, not made with hands, eternal and glorious in the city of God. Present to His gaze was not so much the plow and the harrow and the cold, dark furrows of the seedtime, as the gladsome company of the reapers, laden with golden sheaves and shouting the song of the harvest. He was looking across the storm-swept sea of the safe and sheltered harbor where the troubled waves were sleeping. He was thinking not only of the wrench of parting, but of the clasp of greeting. Present to His mind was not only the death which was to separate, but the death which was to unite. So He said: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. During the strange, sad hours and the hard and weary days that are coming, believe in God; believe also in Me: and by and by the doors of your Father's house shall open wide for your entrance upon a larger, holier, purer ministry for which the disciplines of time shall have evoked the capacity. If it were not so, I would have told you."

"Believe" is Christ's talisman for charming away the specter of trouble from the haunted heart. Believe in the Father's plan for His child. Believe in the Father's care of His child. There is no speculative process by which the mind may unravel the sore tangles of mortal experience. A condemned heart cannot find relief in a logic book. The cold bloodless hand of reason never wiped away a tear. The intellect has never discovered any balm for heartache. When one is dying of hunger it is no time to discuss the process by which flour is prepared. When one is pinched with poverty, it is not the hour to broach the tenets of political economy. The famine-stricken soul cries for bread, the bankrupt debtor demands coin. The troubled heart yearns for God Himself, and not for any theoretical discussion of the nature of deity. When the problem of the cross becomes too sore and the weight of the burden becomes too heavy, do not struggle to express your experience in a theological formula; do not strive to endure the strain in your unaided strength. Lean on God. "Cuddle down" in His arms. Be not afraid. Believe. That is the way Christ would take the sting from mortal sorrow.

To attempt to analyze such an act of belief as the Master here prescribes would be like endeavoring to learn to sing by studying a picture of the larynx. One may master the anatomy of the throat and never utter a note of song. Think yourself back into the situation. Jesus was not a theological professor sitting at His desk and lecturing to a class with reference to a neatly articulated system of dogmas. The shadow of life's mystery was chilling to the hearts of those He loved, and He was striving to kindle in their breasts a vivid, luminous, unquenchable consciousness of the divine sympathy His word to them is "Realize God instead of theorizing about God." As though He said: "Peter, James, John and all the rest, you have lisped sentences concerning God since you were little children. David's holy hymns were your cradle songs. The sacred roles of the synagogue have spoken to you their Sabbath day messages from the Infinite One. Your hearts were burned as you participated in the solemnities of Passover and Pentecost, which celebrated the august sovereignties with which God had shaped your nation's life. With an irrepressible wistfulness you have pondered the grandeur of Jehovah as you felt Him present in the grandeurs of nature, while the quiet watches of the night stole over you as you lay in your fishing boats beneath the unsleeping stars. That God is your God. He thinks, He plans, He works for you. He marks your steps. He treasures your tears. He weighs in His heart every cross before He lays it upon your shoulder. The march of the tribes through the desert, the progress of humanity through the centuries, the swing of the stars through the sky is no more to Him than the passing of the days of your life. There is nothing better known to God than the things which befall you. There is no one nearer to the heart of God than you are. Believe in Him.

The reason trouble is so troublesome is that we seldom put God in the present tense. We transpose Him into the dim past and dwell upon the wonders He wrought in the days of the fathers. We transpose Him into the remote future and dream of the glories which shall be ours when all the veils which now hide Him shall be lifted. Christ's cure for trouble is to live with God beside us in our every day experiences; to take God to the office, a partner in our business; to take God to the parlor, a sharer in our pleasures; to be in the companionship of God when throngs surround us or when we tread a way where no one else but He can walk or enter the shades of a loneliness whereby all but He are forgotten. Eternity can bring us no nearer to God than we are now. The great secret of peace and of power is mastered by him who comes to know that the comradeship with God, which shall become visible hereafter, is actual now. The pain, the strife, the wrong that burn this truth into the tablets of one's consciousness are disguised angels.

"Believe also in Me." The realization of God that brings help to human hearts can never be grasped as a practical truth in any other way. A personal acquaintance with Christ carries with it a knowledge of the personality of God. All formulas are sorry makeshifts. Whoever is argued into faith may be argued out of it. If the foundation of your belief is a form of words, it will be overturned whenever a neater and more masterly phrase than yours is framed. "No man cometh to the Father but by Me." By the way of philosophical analysis one may arrive at some concept of God as "a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." Through the labyrinth of speculative thought one may reach the conclusion that God is the unknown quantity in the equation of the universe. Along the path of a logical syllogism one may deduce the idea of God as "an absentee God sitting by and watching the universe go." But through Christ alone can one learn to define God in terms of fatherhood. In Christ alone can one learn that the earth life is a disciplinary process—a curriculum of parental love—its defects, its catastrophes, its pains, its mystery, its perpetual sacrifice, all energies under the control of infinite beneficences and compelled to achieve its purposes, for He, the best beloved of the Father, had a path of tears which ended at the cross, but from the cross He shed a light upon a path by which men find their way to the heart of God. From Him we learn that God holds this poor stricken world in the embrace of an inexhaustible sympathy and that He purposes to crown the fragmentary life of men with a divine completeness and symmetry. Christ is daily translated into the terms of our moral life and expressed in the forms of our human experience. There is no seminary of theology like that on Calvary.

"Let not your heart be troubled." Your mind may be, but your mind will never bring you into touch with God. If we feel after God we will find Him. If we think after God we will lose Him. The relationship between God and ourselves is a tie of love, and true love is not the offspring of logic. The link between God and ourselves is that between father and child, and the mystery of parentship and sonship evades speech and is measured only by experience.

"Let not your heart be troubled." It be ofttimes saddened. It may be spent with strain, wearied with toil, broken with grief—but let it not be palsied with melancholy. Let your life be as the storm-vexed ocean, whose surface the tempest lashes into fury, while calm eternal and unruffled abides in the unfathomable depths.

"Let not your heart be troubled." Others may be the heirs of unrest, who with their back to the source of light look out only upon the ever lengthening track of their own shadow. They travel the way of life unattended. They carry the burden of life unhelped. They toil at the work of life unaided. They stand on the brink unfriended. A brood of troubles nests within such hearts.

But for you, believing in God as your Father, and in Christ as your Saviour, life is as a journey home. A few more days of mingled cloud and sunshine; a few more wondrous passings of winter into spring; a few more hard endeavors in the seed plot of mortal soil; a few more hot strokes upon the field of earthly battle—then the flight of all shadows, and the blessed vision of the face of God.

Religion at Home.

The religion of Christ is intensely practical. It is intended to be manifested in our home life, just as faithfully as at church. This is why we can generally obtain a true conception of the soundness of a man's faith by spending a few days in his own home. Many a man has a reputation for piety, when his home life will not bear close inspection. It is in the hum-drum duties of home that we are tried. The way we meet the everyday worries is a better test of our religion than the way we behave in church. It is comparatively easy to be sweet-tempered when we have nothing to vex us, but to keep our faces bright and our hearts light amid the uninspiring labors of weekday life we need to have the spirit of God dwelling in our hearts. Such living is possible. Not only is it possible, but it is necessary for us if we would live up to our responsibilities. Our Lord expects us to be true to Him in our homes, as well as in church, and we are not fulfilling His commands when we fail to live every hour of every day in accordance with the high standard He has set before us.

It is an inspiring thought that we can take Him with us into the humblest daily duties. The busy housewife, as she goes about her task, making a home bright for those dear to her, is serving the Master just as truly and just as faithfully as the preacher in the pulpit. Let us encourage our hearts with the thought that He graciously accepts every offering of faithful service of home as well as at church.—George D. Gelwicks.

Duty Above Life.

Life is a matter of very small account to anyone in comparison with duty doing, whether a man realizes this truth or not. Whatever is worth living for is worth dying for, if dying be an incident to its pursuing. When the Roman General, Pompey, was warned against the danger of his returning from Egypt to Italy, to meet a new trouble in his own land, his heroic answer was: "It is a small matter that I should move forward and die. It is too great a matter that I should take one step backward and live." Life is never well used when it is held dearer than duty. He who would tell a lie in order to live is willing to pay a great deal larger price for his life than that life is worth to himself—or to others.—H. C. Trumbull.

How to Gain Strength.

Power is gained rather by the effort to give to others than by the effort to get from others. Of the supremest being who was ever on earth it was said that He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; not to be served, but to serve. Whoever has the spirit of Christ gains strength in giving strength to others.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DECEMBER 13.

Subject: The Dedication of the Temple, 1 Kings viii., 1-11, 62, 63—Golden Text, Psa. 122, 1—Memory Verses, 9-11—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

Introduction.—The building of the temple marks one of the most important eras in the history of Israel. It introduced a new force in the making of the nation. Its influence was religious and political. The building and furniture were very gorgeous, but the dedication of it exceeded in glory as much as prayer and praise exceed the casting of metal and the graving of stones. The temple was designed to keep up the correspondence between God and His people. In this chapter we have an account of the solemnity of their first meeting there. Those were Israel's golden days. The bringing in of the ark was the crowning work.

Commentary.—I. Bringing in the ark (vs. 1-11). 1-5. "Then Solomon assembled." The dedication was the grandest ceremony ever performed under the Mosaic dispensation, and one of the brightest days of Jewish history. Not only were the "elders of Israel, the heads of the tribes, and the chief of the fathers" summoned, but "all the men of Israel assembled themselves" (1 Kings 8:1, 2). It is an enormous concourse that is gathered in and about the holy city. From "the entering in of Hamath to the river of Egypt" (v. 65), every town and hamlet had sent up its tale of men. No Israelite who could be present—and in the seventh month the labors of the field were well-nigh over—would be absent. We must not think of the heads of the tribes alone; it is a nation that keeps festival to-day. And such a nation, with such a history! And its glory culminates to-day in the dedication of its temple. What child of Israel, then, but would be there! "Brought up the ark." The act of dedication began by carrying the ark of the covenant in solemn procession, with the king at the head, into the temple, and putting it into "its place," the holy of holies. The ark was the root and kernel of the whole sanctuary. It contained the moral law, Jehovah's covenant, to dwell in the midst of His chosen people. While everything else was new, the same ark of the covenant was kept, and only changed its place. The procession is described in vs. 1-9 and 2 Chron. 5:4-13. Accompanied by "the 4000 singers and musicians David had organized, arrayed in white linen and chanting some of those splendid odes, the 47th, 97th, 98th and 107th psalms, the Levites brought the old tabernacle, the brazen altar, the table of shewbread, the candlestick, the brazen serpent from Gibeon and the ark from Zion, and put them in the temple."

6-9. "The oracle." By this is meant the holy of holies. "Under the wings." The outspread wings of the cherubim extended across the whole width of the oracle (chap. 6:27), and their wings touched one another in the middle of the house. Beneath these wings that touched, the ark was set down. "Drew out the staves." The staves were used for the purpose of carrying the ark. After the ark was set down in the most holy place they drew the staves so far forward that their ends could be seen from the sanctuary. The object of this cannot be determined with certainty. Others suggest that the drawing out of the staves was a sign that now at last the ark had reached the place of its rest, and was not to be carried about any more. "Two tables of stone." In Heb. 9:4 it is stated that the ark also contained the golden pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded, but these had probably been lost while the ark was with the Philistines.

10, 11. "Cloud filled the house." Now took place the most important event in the dedication—the manifestation of Jehovah in the new temple by the same symbol by which He had marked the ancient tabernacle as His earthly dwelling place. A shining cloud, outdazzling the morning sun, settled upon the house, "so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God" (2 Chron. 5:13, 14). Thus God accepts the temple as His own.

II. Solomon's blessing (vs. 12-21, 54-61). Both before and after the dedicatory prayer Solomon blessed the Lord and the people. He gave God glory, not by wealth, honor, power or victory to Israel, but for "rest." Not one word of God's promises had failed (v. 56). This is a distinct reference to Deut. 12:9, 10, where we read that when the Lord should have given rest to Israel, then a place for sacrifice, etc., should be appointed. That place was now being dedicated. But Solomon saw the proof that the rest was at last fully attained. The permanent sanctuary was a pledge of settlement in the land of Canaan, to which Israel had been brought from Egyptian bondage. The rest hitherto enjoyed had been but partial, but now at last the Philistines had been brought into subjection.

III. The dedicatory prayer (vs. 22-53). In the act of dedication Solomon stood at the head of the whole ceremony. He was the author of everything from beginning to end—speech, prayer and blessing. He did not take the place of Jehovah, but was His servant. He had erected a brazen scaffold, of five cubits (seven and a half feet) long, five cubits broad, and three cubits high (2 Chron. 6:13), and on this he stood, raised above the people, to bless and instruct them, then kneeled to offer prayer, spreading his hands toward heaven to express "the fervor of his heart, and the largeness of his expectations." The prayer consists of three parts: 1. Adoration for the fulfillment of past promises (23, 24). 2. Prayer that the temple might be a central place of worship, and that God would especially bless those who "prayed toward this place" (25-30). 3. Supplication for specific blessings upon those who might suffer famine, pestilence, oppression, etc. (vs. 31-53).

IV. The sacrifices offered (vs. 62-66). 62, 63. "Offered sacrifice." This was a burnt-offering, with its accompaniments, and being the first laid on the altar of the temple, was, as in the similar case of the tabernacle, consumed by miraculous fire from heaven (2 Chron. 7:12). The large proportion of the sacrifices were peace-offerings and were mostly eaten by the people. The vast numbers of people present required a large amount of food. The great number of offerings mentioned here were not offered all in one day, but during the fourteen days (v. 65). Solomon kept the feast of tabernacles, after the feast of the dedication; both together lasting fourteen days. The brazen altar was not large enough to receive these sacrifices, so that, to serve the present occasion, they were forced to offer many of them in the middle of the court (v. 64).

Rich Gold in Mexico.

Rich gold fields have been discovered in the State of Oaxaca, Mexico. Samples of the ore show gold sticking out of the quartz.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

Big Game Very Plentiful.

The deer season, which closed in Monroe County recently, is believed to have been one of the best in recent years. Reports received from sections of Monroe and Pike are to the effect that much game of all kinds have been killed, and especially does this prove in Pike County. Gunners returning from that section claim that deer during the season which has just closed have abounded everywhere. In the vicinity of Shawnee 2000 or more deer, which were recently set free from Buckwood Park by the wealthy millionaire, C. C. Worthington, of New York City, afforded much sport. B. W. Lee, Dr. Frank Cohey, Theodore, Edward and Homer Hafler, of Stroudsburg, have returned from a gunning trip in Pike County. They spent several days in the woods, living in an improvised cabin they had erected. They brought out a nice lot of game and report having seen four deer. Edgar Wilson took out a party of four Allentonians to Promise Land, Greene Township, Pike County, and in four days' fishing in the pond there landed 180 pounds of pickerel, besides shooting thirty birds. Thirteen bears have been killed in and near Greene Township this fall.

Five Men "Shoot Up" Town.

The town of Emaus, near Allentown, was visited by a gang, five in number, who terrorized the residents, committed numerous depredations and finally escaped to the Lehigh Mountains. The men are believed to be the same who robbed the postoffice and cracked three safes at Emaus, and robbed the Pennsylvania Railroad Station at Phoenixville. They entered Emaus shouting and discharging revolvers. They first went to Kremser's barber shop and after being shaved left without paying. Samuel Rehm and a woman and a little girl were held up. Rehm was robbed of his money and the woman's purse was taken. A posse of citizens was finally organized, but the outlaws fled and escaped.

Queer Dual Coincidences.

Death and fate have combined to make a queer tale. At Canton Thomas Hurley, an aged resident of Canton, died exactly as did his brother Michael, two years ago. He was milking a cow, when he was stricken with heart disease, and was found dead at the animal's heels. His brother Michael, when stricken, was also milking, and died almost instantly. Over at Brookside, not many miles from Canton, Reuben English had his arm blown off by the accidental discharge of his gun. Six years before, within just two days, Matthew English, a brother, was shot dead while hunting in the same woods by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Death Revives Murder Mystery.

The death of Colonel Joseph Jordan, of Bridgeport, recalls one of the greatest murder mysteries of the State. William Clugston, in a midnight battle with a burglar, was killed in his Valley Forge home, about a score of years ago. Clugston was a papermaker, living in an adjoining house to Colonel Jordan, who was superintendent of the mills, and had just received a large sum of money for an invention in his business. As Clugston was a man of limited resources, it was the general opinion at the time that the robber had intended to visit the Jordan home.

Flood Gave Him Sand Beds.

George F. Prall, a farmer along the Delaware River, about eight miles from Bangor, has just finished taking inventory of the material washed upon his farm by the recent flood. At the time of the flood Mr. Prall had a fertile farm, the surface of which was washed away, but, instead, he now has several of the finest beds of sand yet found along the Delaware, and is loading from three to five cars a day for shipment.

New Bank to Replace the Old.

At a meeting of business men of Christiana a new national bank was organized to take the place of the National Bank of Christiana, which will go into liquidation on January 12, to settle up the estate of the late Isaac W. Slokum, who controlled it. The new concern will be the Christiana National Bank, capitalized at $60,000. M B. Kent will be the president.

Thieves Make Haul.

Thieves broke into the hotel of S. P. Clark at Fancher, near the Central Railroad station, five miles east of Albion, and made a good haul, securing $440 in cash from Mr. Clark's bedroom.

West Myerstown people are extensively engaged in celery culture, over 13,000 stalks having been placed by them in airtight caves for curing.

Bondsman's Estate to Pay $65,000.

Lancaster County has obtained a verdict of $65,764.31 against the estate of David B. Landis, a banker, murdered several years ago by Ralph W. Wireback, a tenant, who was hanged. Landis was a surety on the bond of County Treasurer E. H. Hershey, who embezzled county funds and fled in December, 1900, and is still missing.

Human Arsenal Killed.

Thinking that a Bangor trolley car, which he had boarded, might fail to stop at Alpha to let him off Dominick Arick leaped while the car whizzed along at full speed. He broke his skull and died. In his pockets were found a revolver, a razor and several ugly knives.

Servants Needed in Butler.

The great problem of the typhoid epidemic at Butler is to secure servants to attend to housework. No women from the region are responding. Pittsburg sent three physicians and twenty-two nurses, and the Pittsburg hospitals will accept many of the sick.

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3¼c. per quart.

BUTTER.

Creamery—Western, extra	—	@	25
Firsts	22½	@	24½
Seconds	18	@	21½
State dairy tubs, firsts	20	@	21
Imitation creamery	15	@	18
Factory, thirds to firsts	13½	@	16

CHEESE.

State—Full cream, fancy	11½	@	12
Small	11¾	@	12
Part skims, good to prime	5¾	@	7
Part skims, common	—	@	3
Full skims	1½	@	2

EGGS.

Jersey—Fancy	38	@	40
State and Penn	38	@	40
Western—Choice	29	@	30

BEANS AND PEAS.

Beans—Marrow, choice	2 80	@	2 85
Medium, choice	—	@	2 17½
Pea, choice	—	@	2 15
Red kidney, choice	2 95	@	3 00
Yellow eye	—	@	2 90
Black turtle soup	—	@	2 70
Lima, Cal	—	@	2 25

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Apples—King, per bbl	2 50	@	3 50
Baldwin, per bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Twenty Ounce, per bbl	1 75	@	2 75
Ben Davis, per bbl	1 50	@	2 25
Greening, per bbl	1 50	@	2 50
Grapes, Catawba, per crate	1 25	@	1 50
Niagara, per crate	2 00	@	2 75
Concord, per crate	1 50	@	1 60
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	4 50	@	8 00
Jersey, per bbl	6 00	@	6 25

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, per lb	—	@	11½
Chickens, per lb	—	@	10½
Roosters, per lb	—	@	7½
Turkeys, per lb	—	@	12
Ducks, per pair	80	@	90
Geese, per pair	1 50	@	1 62
Pigeons, per pair	20	@	25

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, per lb	15	@	20
Fowls, Western, per lb	9	@	13
Chickens, State, per lb	10	@	15
Broilers, Phila., per lb	21	@	23
Ducks, spring, per lb	10	@	17
Geese, spring, per lb	10	@	18
Squabs, per dozen	1 75	@	3 00

HOPS.

State, 1903, choice, per lb	31	@	32
Good to prime, per lb	28	@	30
Common to fair	23	@	27
Pacific Coast, 1903, choice	26	@	27
Good to prime, per lb	24	@	25
Common to fair	15	@	20

HAY AND STRAW.

Hay, prime, per 100 lb	—	@	95
No. 1, per 100 lb	87½	@	92½
No. 2, per 100 lb	82½	@	85
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	65	@	72½
Straw, long rye	1 00	@	1 15

GAME.

Quail, per doz	3 50	@	4 00
Snipe, per doz	1 75	@	2 00
Plover, golden, per doz	2 50	@	3 00
Grass, per doz	1 75	@	2 00
Rabbits, per pair	15	@	35

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	2 00	@	2 37
Jersey, per bbl	1 75	@	2 25
Sweets, per bbl	1 50	@	3 25
Turnips, per bbl	75	@	85
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 50	@	2 50
Egg plant, per box	2 00	@	4 00
Squash, per bbl	75	@	1 50
Peas, per basket	2 00	@	5 00
Onions, L. I., per bbl	1 25	@	1 75
Conn., white, per bbl	2 00	@	5 00
Orange Co., red, per bag	50	@	1 50
Peppers, per carrier	1 50	@	2 50
Lettuce, per basket	50	@	1 50
Cabbages, L. I., per 100	4 00	@	6 00
Cucumbers, per basket	1 0	@	3 00
Lima beans, per bag	1 00	@	2 00
Cauliflower, per bbl	75	@	4 50
Celery, per dozen	5	@	45
Brussels sprouts, per qt	6	@	12
Spinach, per bbl	2 25	@	2 50
Parsnips, per bbl	1 25	@	1 50
Beets, per bbl	2 00	@	2 50
Carrots, per bbl	75	@	1 25
Kale, per bbl	25	@	40
Radishes, per basket	—	@	50

GRAIN, ETC.

Flour—Winter patents	4 00	@	4 35
Spring patents	4 60	@	4 90
Wheat, No. 1 N. Duluth	—	@	91¾
No. 2 red	—	@	82½
Corn, No. 2 white	—	@	50¼
Oats, No. 2	—	@	41½
No. 2 white	—	@	42¼
Rye, Western	—	@	63
State	56	@	58
Lard, city	—	@	6½

LIVE STOCK.

Steers, city dressed	6	@	9
Calves, city dressed	8	@	13½
Country dressed	6	@	12
Sheep, per 100 lb	2 75	@	4 00
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 60	@	5 87½
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	4 10	@	5 10
Country dressed, per lb	5½	@	8

FRESH EGGS FOR EVERYBODY.

Retailers' Demands Were Extortionate and Market is Now Glutted.

New York City.—Fresh eggs are three cents per dozen lower than they were last week, and if the downward course of prices continues, consumers will soon be able to resume eating this article of food at reasonable prices. Ten days ago dealers were predicting wholesale rates of at least forty cents per dozen. They are now looking for further slumps. There has been a decided increase in supplies from all parts of the country, especially the South, on account of the extreme prices quoted last week. In some stores receivers have been unable to keep stock moving, as retailers scaled orders down to daily requirements rather than take chances with any surplus which would entail a loss if wholesale prices slumped. Consumption was necessarily checked throughout Greater New York by the retailers' demand of twenty-five cents for seven fresh eggs. In many places only six were given for the quarter.

Big Yield of Oranges.

According to advices from Florida, the orange crop is about half shipped. Early estimates were too small, it is said. It is thought by some that the total yield will go over 2,000,000 boxes and no one sets it lower than 1,750,000. Original estimates were about 1,250,000 boxes, which were afterward increased to 1,500,000 boxes, then to 1,750,000.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 13, "Jesus Christ—His Saving Power"—Text, Acts iv, 12; Matt. i, 21; I Tim. ii, 5.

"In none other is there salvation."

What is salvation? The answers have been many and varied. Nor is it an easy thing to give an answer which covers all the necessary items and does not include anything unnecessary. It has something to do with what we believe, and yet it is more than belief, for it is possible for one to know much about God and religion and yet be far from saved. It has something to do with our feelings and actions, but nothing we can do will save either ourselves or others, and it is far more than feelings of any kind.

Looked at in one way, salvation is "pure love to God and man filling the heart and governing the actions."

From another point of view it is the Holy Spirit dwelling in the soul and working in all the faculties of mind and body.

Its effects are peculiar. It broadens and clears the understanding, giving a grasp and comprehension of truth never before possessed. It deepens sympathy and awakens sentiments of purity, reverence, devotion and benevolence. It prompts to acts of helpfulness and words of tenderness. It brings harmony into the inner life and the desire to see all outer life harmonious and happy.

That such a condition is not natural and common to all people is very plain. That some do live in such a state is also well known. That many who have been in the unsaved state have by some means passed into the power and purity of the saved life is a matter also of experience and testimony. We see around us many such transformed lives. They are not all alike in the extent or intensity of the change, but in some things all have a resemblance.

All agree in the fact that they have found peace when they have come to trust Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour and rely upon Him to give them guidance, pardon and eternal life from God the Eternal Father. This act of faith may be described in various ways, but in its essential nature it is a combination of all the powers of the soul, taking the highest and best it knows of God and in glad recognition of His love willingly consenting to become obedient to His directions and take Him as ruler of all the life. It unites the best of thought and will and feeling in service of God.

It is not merely a decision to live a better life. It is not merely acknowledging the common truth about God. It is not merely feeling sorry for the misdeeds of the past and wishing to be good and do good for the future. It is a deep soul turning from all evil and the conscious incoming of power to love and do the right, a power not of self, but greater and deeper and purer than ever before known. It also has an element of personal fellowship with Jesus Christ never before felt toward any other one. A bond of union in purpose and principle and satisfaction of soul desires.

This is salvation, and there is no other one the world has ever seen who had power to so affect men, and there is no one who may not be so affected by Him if he will so decide.

Untold Possibilities.

Life brings untold possibilities of good to each of us, but what we need is faith in these, especially when we are immersed in the petty details, the drudgeries, the coarser passions and trials which daily come to us. We need this faith in a divine calling and in the promise of God when the world and the flesh and the devil appeal to our sloth or to our self indulgence and we are tempted to take the low standard of the world and to be, as they say, "no better than others." It is then we need faith in Christ and, at whatever cost, to surrender ourselves to the vision which He vouchsafes of what is right and true and good. It may be hard just then to obey, to take this particular cross, to lay aside the indulgence that fascinates and to turn at once from the tempter to the Saviour, but in doing so lies the way of faith and victory.—Sunday Magazine.

What Is a Christian?

There is only one great character in the world that can really draw out all that is best in men. He is so far above all others in influencing men for good that He stands alone. That man was the Founder of Christianity. To be a Christian man is to have that character for our ideal in life, to live under its influence, to do what He would wish us to do, to live the kind of life He would have lived in our house had He our day's routine to go through. It would not, perhaps, alter the forms of our life, but it would alter the spirit and aims and motives of our life, and the Christian man is he who in that sense lives under the influence of Jesus Christ.—Henry Drummond.

God's Love.

God's love runneth faster than our feet
To meet us stealing back to Him and peace,
And kisses numb our shame; nay, and puts on
The best robe, bidding angels bring it forth.

—Edwin Arnold.

SHAPIRO BROS., Mapleton.

GREAT SALE OF STILL GREATER IMPORTANCE

The Most Progressive Merchants in Huntingdon County are Offering Great Bargains. Read Every Line.

Is it Any Wonder why We Offer Better Money Saving Opportunities

than any other concern in and around this vicinity. To have grown in a few short years from one little store in Orbisonia, to the largest and best stores in three of the principal towns of this county is strong proof of our unrivaled leadership.

The Announcement of this Great Sale

Will make new history. Merchants who are asleep will waken in surprise only to see what small part they played in the communities where we do business. Remember, folks, these Bargains are great ones. We don't know when another opportunity like this will come again. Act now! Don't wait! Come!

WOMEN'S DRESS GLOVES
23c a pair, worth 35c.

SUSPENDERS
9c a pair, worth 15c

NECKWEAR
All the latest styles.
Every desirable shape.
19c each, worth 25c.

LADIES' STOCKINGS
5c a pair, value 10c.

CHILDREN'S STOCKINGS
9c a pair, value 25c.

MEN'S CAPS
19c each, value 25c.

LINEN COLLARS
9c each, value 15c.

WORK GLOVES
23c a pair, value 35c.

TOQUES
21c each, worth 30c.

LADIES' CAPES
98c each, worth $1.50

EMBROIDERY SILK
4c a skein, worth 8c.

WOOL UNDERSHITS
89c each, elsewhere $1.00

We also have a full line of Groceries at reduced prices.

Wonderful Clothing Bargains

$7.00 Men's Suits, $3.75.

Yes, it's possible. You only need visit our store to be convinced. Blue and black, including fancy mixtures. Can you give a good reason for paying $7,00 for what you can buy at

$3.75

Men's Suits $6.98, Elsewhere $10.

Just think of buying a $10 suit for $6.98. There is not a store in the county, besides Shapiro Bros., who ever in their life offered such great advantages. These suits are strictly all wool, in plain and fancy effects, made in the very latest style. All sizes.

Higher Priced Suits Greatly Reduced

$14, $15, $16 Suits, $9.89.

Don't wait until after the season is over, buy now, especially when you are enabled to save so much money. You have to work too hard for your money to let such an opportunity pass you.

Men's and Boys' Overcoats

$7.00 and $6.00 Values, $3.49.

There are lots of merchants who h2ve to pay lots more for their goods than what we sell them them for. When did you ever hear of an overcoat for less than $5.00? We mean a good one. Then what do you think of these bargains? $7.00 overcoats for $3.49. Don't forget, they can't last long at these prices.

$15.00 Swagger Overcoats, $9.98

The Swagger Overcoat is the real thing this season. Nice broad shoulders, loose back which makes it hang gracefully, thus adding a sort of miltary appearance. Never mind how we do it. If we had to lose money on them we certainly wouldn't do it. Hurry along, or what you might like may be gone.

Boys' School Suits at Less than the Cost of the Cloth.

Think of buying $2.00 suits for 98 cents, $7.00 suits for $2.25, and so on through the entire stock.

Women's and Misses Coats & Suits

New Models, exactly the styles that prevail in New York and other large cities. Some of the garments are copies of higher priced imported models.

To see them is to buy them.

At prices named they will not last long.

$7.00 Ladies' Coats 4.69.
$10.00 Ladies' Coats 6.48.
$5.00 Ladies' Skirts 3.48.
$3.00 Ladies' Skirts 1.00.

Many other styles are here which we cannot mention. If you want to save money, and at the same time desire good, up-to-date becoming styles, see our line.

Furs

NEVER WERE SO CHEAP

There is no need of waiting until the season is over in order to save. Now is your chance. Good Furs, stylish and serviceable.

These prices should make them go quick.

75c for Furs worth $1.35.
98c for Furs worth $1.75.
$1.98 for Furs worth $3.75.

SHIRT WAISTS.

Prices Lower than the Material in Them Costs.

You ask how we can do it. There is a whole story connected with this. It makes no difference to you anyway, what do you care so the prices are lower than elsewhere.

45c, 75c, 98c, and $1.23.

The 49c waists were 75c. The $1.23 were $1.98 and so on. All colors, all styles, all sizes.

OUTING UNDERSHIRTS
23c each, worth 35c.

ALARM CLOCKS
69c each, elsewhere 85c.

KNIVES AND FORKS
60c a set, elsewhere $1.00

TEA SPOONS
9c a dozen, elsewhere 15c.

WRAPPERS
59c each worth 75c,

WORK SHIRTS
45c each, value 50c.

OVERALLS
40c a pair, value 60c.

STORM CAPS
23c each, worth 50c.

COMBS
9c eace, worth 12c.

SOCKS
5c a pair, worth 10c.

WINDOW BLINDS
9c each, value 25c.

LINEN BLINDS
21c each, value 30c.

TABLE OIL CLOTH
13c a yard, value 18c.

SAXONY YARN
5c a skein value 8c.

These bargains won't last; come early.

MEN'S WORK SHOES, MEN'S DRESS SHOES, LADIES' FINE SHOES, Boys' Strong Shoes,

98 Cents a Pair.

Not a pair in the lot worth less than $1.50. Some of the better ones were formerly $2.50. We haven't all sizes in all styles but we have all sizes in the lot. Just ask for the 98c shoes, our sales people will cheerfully show you them. If you want the best ones, hurry along.

BETTER SHOES ALSO REDUCED.

$3.50 SHOES $2.69.

Patent Leather Men's Shoes that were $3.50, now $2.69. If you put off buying too long and if you're disappointed then don't blame us.

65c for Children's Shoes

WORTH $1.25.

Sizes up to 2, in various shapes and styles. This is also a ssecial lot which has just arrived.

Rubber Footwear, Cheap?

WE THINK SO.

Read these prices, then come and ask us how we can afford to sell everything so cheap. We'll tell you. Space here doesn't permit us to go into details.

Ladies' Rubbers 45c, elsewhere 60c.
Men's Rubbers 58c, elsewhere 75c.
Men's Rubber Boots $2.29, elsewhere $3.00.
Men's Felt Boot Combinations $1.75, elsewhere $2.50.

Compare the quality and prices of these goods then judge for yourself.

CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, RUGS.

Yes, we are headquarters, big headquarters. The high prices that the other stores get for this kind of goods is what led us to put in a stock of Carpets, Rugs and Oil Cloth. See our goods, see the variety, learn our prices, then ask yourself, Why do other stores charge so much more?

Ingrain Carpet, - - - 25 cents per yard and up.
Brussels Carpet, - - - 48 cents per yard and up.
Oil Cloth, 2 yards wide, - - 48 cents per yard.
Rugs, 30 x 60, - - - $1.19 each.

1000 Pairs of BLANKETS

From 50c to $3.75 a pair. Remarkably cheap. $5.00 factory made blankets for $3.75 Full 5 pounds, all wool, all colors. We only have about 200 pairs to sell at this price, so hurry.

Shapiro Bros.,

Store at Mapleton, Penna.

Red Table Damask
21c the yard.

Regular price is 35 cents. We believe in giving our customers as many bargains as we can.